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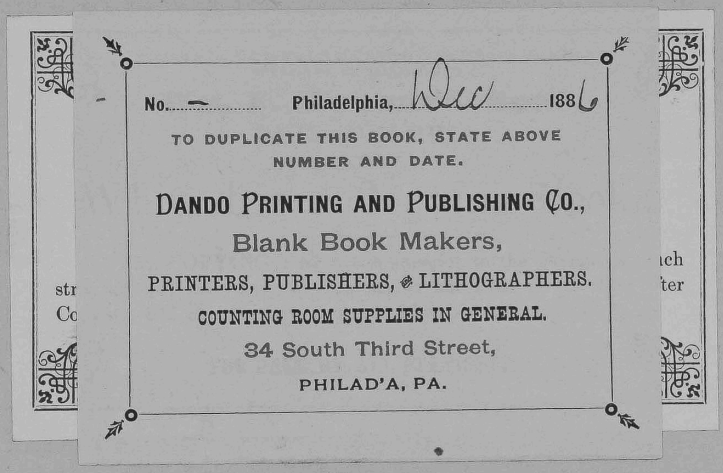
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Philadelphia, Dec 1886
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DANDO PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO.,
Blank Book Makers,
PRINTERS, PUBLISHERS, & LITHOGRAPHERS.
COUNTING ROOM SUPPLIES IN GENERAL.
34 South Third Street,
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(36-A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Aug 18th 1887.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No 64665 favor South Nat'l Bank N.Y. for $ 9.719.25
" 64666 " J.W. Gilligman & Co. " $ 52.992.39
" 64667 " Kesslage, Volgate & Co. " $ 9.383.64
" " " " $
" " " " $
" " " " $
" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

A. E. Hinkle
Acting Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

F.M.S

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

8 18 188-

Invoice of Fine Gold Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from J.M. Seligman & Co.

New York per letter of advice

dated Aug 9th 188-

Gross Weight	oz.	49.298.10
Fine Weight	oz.	49.220.92
Value @ #0.9650 per oz. fine	$	47.498.19

H. Linderman

Actg Superintendent

F.N.B.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Aug 18th 1887.

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from Fourth Nat'l Bank New York - per letter of notice dated Aug 9th 1887

Gross Weight	100.282.80
Fine Weight	100.132.88
Value @ 0.9650 per oz.	96.628.22

H C Hinsdale
Acty Superintendent

F.M.S.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA

Aug 18th 1875

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Heritage, Bridgeton N.J.

Fine Ounces 0.9650 per ounce for Silver of Standard

Gold 188-

Fine Weight oz 30.00

Fine Weight oz 30.00

Value 0.9650 per oz for

acting Superintendent

T. N. 5

Aug 18th 7

3.130.779.600

Jos. P. Kimball

H. H. Hinman
Cadg

19. Aug^r 1

Sir

I have the hona to transmit the following oaths of office of persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint.

John Quigley	Laborer	General Dpt
Saml Clothier	Helper	M & R "
Miss Laura H. Elliott	Adjuster	Assrs "
" Margaret Morrow Hoyt	"	" "
Michael Bradley	Annealer	" "

Very Respectfully

H C Hinsdale

Acting Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19: Aug 7

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Handy and Harman advise sales sixteenth inst. of thirty and fifty thousand ounces at Ninety six six tenths, and are delivering on same: No advice from Bureau: Shall I receive?

Very respectfully

H C Hemphill

Acting Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(60—1)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Aug 19th 87

Sir

I enclose this day check

No 64468 from South National Bank K.Y for $9.018.85/

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully,

H C Herring Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

[ED. 7-28-85. 1000]

20: August 7

Sir

With the silver coins received from your office on Transfer order 14645, we found the following minor coins:

Five cent nickels	$34.95
Three " "	8.01
One " "	5.48
One " bronze	1.15
Two " "	20.02
Old Copper Cent	.01
	$69.62

which I herewith return to you by special messenger, with the request that you will send in exchange for them an equivalent amount of silver Coins, Tale value,

to complete the delivery on that Transfer order

Very respectfully

Acting Superintendent

S. Davis Page Esq
Assistant Treas: United States
Philadelphia

Sept

(86—c.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Aug 20th 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 2409, favor Handy & Harman for $9,485.75/

" ") " ")

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

in favor of Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[illegible]
Acting Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[Rev 7-28-85. 1000]

SRL

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your (W.W.H.) letter of 18th inst returning to me T.O. 14.634 without correction, forwarded to you in my letter of 17th inst.

In reply I would state that I will await the Transfer Order for the additional amount of 50¢ mentioned in your favor before crediting your Building Fund a/c with T.O. 14.634, thereby preventing complications in my accounts.

Very Respectfully,

[redacted]

Asst Supt

Hon Jas. H. Hyatt.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington. D.C.

F.M.S

Aug 20th

Sir:

I forward this day by Adams Express a box containing my Bullion Accounts and Vouchers for the Second Quarter 1887. It has been impossible to prepare these accounts and render them any sooner.

Very Respectfully,

Acting Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

14609

August 19th 7

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Baltimore, Md.

5000. ns

5000.

5000.

Chas. J. Gibson

14610

August 17 7

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York N.Y.
5000. no

$5000
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Thos. J. Gibson

14611

August 15 7

Asst Treas. U.S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

1000. no

$1000

1000.

Wm J Gibson

14612

August 17 7

Asst. Treas. U.S.
Boston, Mass.

1000. no

1000.

1000.

Thos. J. Gibson

Aug 22nd 7

Sir,

I enclose herewith memorandum showing Sale Value, Net Value, and Loss by Reconage of uncurrent Silver Coin received from the Asst Treasurer U. S. in this City on Transfer Order No. 14645.

Very Respectfully.

H C Hinsdale
Actg Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

LRL

(80 - A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

8th Month 22d 1887

Sir,

I draw this day check

No 6470, favor Fourth National Bank N.Y. $11.701.18

" 6471, " Handy & Harman " $12.814.75

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

" ____, " ____ " $ ____

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully,

H N Kirk
Acting Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U S
New York

(80 - A)

22. Augs 1.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Miss Theresa Elizabeth Beale lately appointed Adjuster in the Coiner's Department of this Mint

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 22d 1887

3,063,555 oz

Jos. P. Kimball

H. C. Hemphill
Supt.

23 Aug. 7

Sir

I herewith transmit for payment the following receipted bills in duplicate for supplies furnished United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, in pursuance of your directions.-

Savage & Stobell	$68.50
Pollock & Steinhauer	28.00
Phillips & Jacobs	13.50

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Supt

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 24th 7

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst, requesting my Statement of Earnings and Expenditures &c. for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1887, I have to say, that the same will be forwarded with the least possible delay. There are several outstanding bills payable from the appropriation of that year, one for the No. 2 Engine, which has not yet been tested, and the others for the Roman Pontiff Medals &c. now under examination.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D C

24 Aug 7

Sir

You are hereby directed to request the Director to strike one gold medal from dies of first class prize for distinguished marksmanship; and two silver medals from dies of 2nd class prize for ditto;

Also riders for the same — all to be mounted, cased, and transmitted to Brig. Gen. Benét, Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington D.C. by the 1st proximo.

Respectfully

D N Ford

Superintendent

Mr J. V. Brayerff
Medal Clerk

SRB

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Aug 25th, 1887.

To

I draw this day check—

No. 64-3 favor Handy & Harman for $ 26.142.64

64-4 " J.W. Seligman & Co. " $ 36.960.42

64-4 " Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. " $ 8.912.57

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

J. M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New York.

[Ed. 1-26-85. 1000]

1860

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Aug 25th 1857

Settlement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Handy & Harman

New York

dated Aug 16th 1857

Gross Weight	30.586.75
Tare	30.539.63
Fineness 0.9660	29.501.78

L M Hoxie
Treasurer

SRL

25.

Aug 16th

Handy v Haman

New York

Aug 16th

Drum.
Strait Co's
Shipments

0.9660

50.7 + 8.00

50.6 b. + .5

48.9 + 1.86

SRL

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J.W. Seligman & Co

New York

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22.864.60

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L. Wilcox

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Aug 25th

J. W. Seligman & Co.

New York

Aug 16th

70.314.80

70.200.77

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0.9660

25 Augt 7

Sir;

I herewith forward for payment bill of Powers & Weightman, of this City, for Nitric Acid, &c. furnished for the United States Assay Office at Boise City by your direction.

I also enclose the receipt of the United States Quarter Master

Very respectfully

Your ob't Ser't

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

24: Aug 7

Sir;

I have the honor to report my return to duty after a vacation which appeared to be necessary because of close application to Mint affairs

Very respectfully
Dan'l M'Foa
Superintendent

Hon. James J. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 26th 1875

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith memorandum of Silver bars received from Treasurer U.S for recoinage per "S.O" 1875; showing Tale Value and Loss by recoinage on same.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Aug 26th

Sir,

Please have my Balance with the Asst Treasurer U.S at New York increased, to enable me to make prompt returns for purchases of Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

26 August 7

Sir,

In compliance with your directions of the 15th of May last, I transmit herewith statement of Trade dollars melted by this Mint from to the passage of the Act of Congress authorizing their redemption, covering the period from July 1883 to March 1887, according to the form transmitted in your letter

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 27th

Office 675 Handy & Harman 18.936.15

Respectfully for Police Station.

I am very respectfully

Superintendent

Police Station

Aug 27th

Sir.

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor for $22.139.20 payable from the appropriation for the Removal of the Steam Power Plant to aid in meeting the expenses of this Institution on that account.

Very respectfully,

Asst

Hon Jos. H. Kimball,
Director of the U.S.
Washington. D.C.

27. Aug. 7

Sir;

The proposals received for Anthracite Pea Coal for the new boilers during the Current fiscal year were as follows:-

Mayers & Bro:	$3 $\frac{17}{}$	per ton of 2240 lbs
William Bryant	3 $\frac{33}{}$	" " " " " "
Branson & Bro	3 $\frac{33}{}$	" " " " " "

Bryant and Branson being the same price, I deferred making any award until the new boilers were in position, when I made a fair trial by actual Consumption of the coal offered by each and after their trial, and a report from my Chief Engineer, I awarded the Contract for the Current year to Branson & Bro. on the ground that their Coal was best suited for our purposes, and now respectfully

submit the same for your approval.

For fused anhydrous Borax the Ætna Oil Company submitted a proposal, at 60¢ a pound: Savage & Storell (who have hitherto furnished it) @ 65¢ a pound. It being doubtful if the Ætna Company could furnish the proper article, I procured the opinion and testimony of our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth, – a copy of which is herewith enclosed – testifying as to the exact kind of borax and of the necessity of having it of a proper quality. In the meantime Savage & Storell reduced their price to 59¢ a pound, and the Ætna Oil Company reported to me that they could not furnish the fused anhydrous borax at all, and therefore withdrew their proposal. I have therefore awarded the contract to Savage & Storell at their reduced price 59¢ per pound and respectfully

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submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Wm M Ford

Superintendent

Hon: James A. Kimball.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

(Copy)

Midhope 5th July, 1887.

Hon. D. M. Fox,
Superintendent of the U. S. Mint.
Philada Pa.

Dear Sir.

I cheerfully respond to your request, that I should state the results of my experience in the use of Fused Borax, for fluxing gold & silver. Since all the experience of gold & silver melters has never been able to find a substitute for Borax. I will only speak of it. It must be dried thoroughly, and fused or melted into a kind of glass to make it a suitable flux for gold & silver. When this is effected, as it always is, & must be, on the hearth of a reverberatory furnace, extreme watchfulness & care must be employed to prevent the fused borax, taking up pieces of

the firebrick or other hearthstone into its mass, since such material may & sometimes does injure the fused borax for melting gold & silver, by imparting hardness and at times brittleness to the precious metals. I formerly found much difficulty in making the precious metals soft & tough, for lack of pure fused borax to melt them. After Mess. Savage & Stovell had mastered the difficulties of making a soft fused borax. I have never been troubled with the influence of that flux in hardening & embrittling the precious metals in all my experience at the Mint. The price they demand for their fused borax is too small an advance over the original cost to be worth consideration. In fact it seems to me that the price they demand, is extremely modest, and that

a difference of 10 or 15 cts per lb. is of no consideration, compared with quality for such a purpose as melting gold & silver. Their intrinsic value, & the danger of loss from inattention to proper fluxing would warrant higher prices for the flux, than they demand.

Very respectfully yours.

Jas C Booth.

Ass't R.

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(56—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Aug 29th 1887.

Sir:

I have this day deposited

to the credit of Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. the sum of $7.22 1/2 cts

in payment for Fifteen Dollars

I am very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York

[Rev. 7-28-85. 1000]

WRP

Aug 29th 1887

Sir.

I enclose herewith Bill in Duplicate for $793.59 being the value of dies manufactured for the War Department. as per instructions received in your letter of May 6th 1887.

As I am required to charge the Mint prints with the cost of dies manufactured, it would seem proper that the War Department should also be charged with such cost.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

August 29th 7.

Sir.

In examining into some complaint made with regard to the award of contracts for Lumber for the current fiscal year, I find that through some inadvertence on the part of those to whom the proposals were referred for analysis and classification the award to Charles Benton of the White Pine boards 1 in. Nos 1. 2 & 3. at $46. $38 & $14. respectively. was a mistake & not giving to lowest bidder.

The following was the proposal of Elias Pohl. viz

White Pine Boards 1 in. No 1. $39.50
" " " " No 2. $25.—
" " " " No 3. $12.=

Mr Pohl, being the lowest bidder for White Pine boards, 1 in. the contract should have been awarded to him at the above stated respective prices, for qualities No 1, 2 & 3. I therefore desire to cancel and recall the award to Charles Benton for 1 in. White Pine boards, and do now award the contract for the same to Elias Pohl, at $39.50 for No 1. $25. for No. 2. and $12 for No 3. and respectfully submit my action herein for your approval.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon James D Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

29 Aug 7

Sir,

Your services will not be required in this institution after this day

Very respectfully

N Walker

Superintendent

Mr Thomas A Perry

Night Watch

29: Aug: 7

Sir.

Thomas Berry, Night-Watchman, having been dismissed, his name will be dropped from the rolls after this day

Very respectfully

A. M. Fox

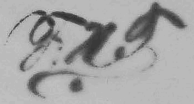
Superintendent

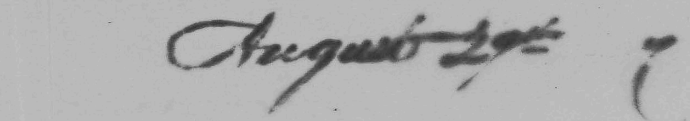
Hon: James A. Kimball

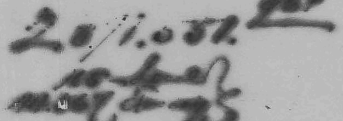
Director of the Mint

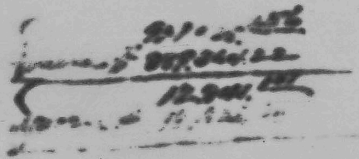
Washington

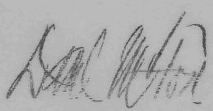
D.C.

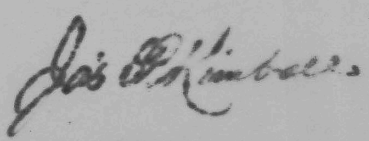












29: Aug: 7

Sir:

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter and Refiner herein enclosed, I have appointed Frank O'Rourke, Helper, in his Department — vice George W. McNally, transferred — to take effect from date of oath; and transferred and promoted John Leiss from Laborer, to Helper in his Department — vice William McNulty, — transferred — and John McGinley from Laborer, to Helper, also in his department, to take effect on their assuming their new duties — each at

the rate of $2.00 per diem, and sub-
mit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

D. H. Hoe

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

29: Aug'st 7

Sir;

Under Sect: 3507 Revised Statutes I have appointed the following named persons to positions in the General Department of the Mint :-

Jacob Hoffman, Blacksmith, @ $3.00 per diem - vice William Bott, deceased -,

Patrick J. Carrigan, Laborer, @ $2.75 per diem, - vice Henry Hollowbush made Cutter -

Michael Spellman, Laborer, @ $2.75 per diem - vice John Crawford, transferred to Cutter;

John Masterson, Laborer, @ $2.75 per diem, vice John Schools, made Cleaner;

James Young, Laborer @ $2.75 per diem - vice John Geiss, made Helper, Melter & Refiners Department

James Dollerton, Laborer, @ $2 7½ per diem
- vice William H. Good made Cleaner -
Jacob Steinert, Laborer, @ $2 7½ per diem
- vice John McGinley made Helper, Melter & Refiner's Department (m)
John A. Gorman, Watchman (P.O. Vaults)
@ $2 7½ per diem - vice Julius Goodman
made Roller, - to take effect from
dates of oaths, and submit the same
for your approval

Very respectfully
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

29: Aug: 7

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comm herein enclosed I have made the following appointments and transfers to this department:-

Neil Loughrey, Annealer @ $3 00 per diem
John O'Keefe, Roller " $2 90 " "
Francis P. Rodden, " " $2 90 " "
Frank P. Meichelbach, Cutter " $2 90 " "
Thomas Grace, " " $2 90 " "

also

Julius Goodman, to Roller, @ $2 90 per diem
from Watchman in the General Department,
Henry Hollowbush to Cutter @ $2 90 per diem.

from Laborer in the General Department;
John Crawford, to Cutter, @ $2.00 per diem
from Laborer in the General Department;
Albert L. Rowland to Cutter @ $2.00 per diem
from Cleaner in the Corriers Department;
John Schools, to Cleaner, @ $3.00 per diem,
from Laborer in the Gen: Dep.t - vice Rowland -
Charles F. Falls, to Annealer @ $3.00 per diem
from Roller in the Corriers Department,
William F. McNulty to Roller @ $2.00 per diem,
from Helper in the M. & R. Dep.t - vice Falls
George W. McNally, to Cutter @ $2.00 per diem
from Helper in the Melters & Refiners Department;
George W. Palmer, to Cutter @ $2.00 per diem
from Cleaner in the Corriers Department;
William N. Good to Cleaner @ $2.00 $3.00 per diem
from Laborer in the Gen: Dept. - vice Palmer -
to take effect from date of oaths and from
the assuming of new positions - and submit

the same for your approval

Very respectfully

W. M. Ford

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

F.N.T.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Aug 30th 87.

Sir:

Please issue your check

in favor of Handy Harman for $27.848.51

" " Hastings Pratt & Co. " $21.733.46

in payment for Silver Bullion

Same was purchased.

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

No. 1463

August 24th 1867

Asst Treas. U.S.

St Louis Mo.

4000.

Gold Pieces	
Silver Pieces	
Bronze Pieces	
Fractional Gold Pieces	
Fractional Currency Pieces	$ 4000.
Total Amount Redeemable	$ 4000

Chas. J. Gibson

august. 25th.

assistant Treasurer U. S.

Baltimore Md.

Reissue

1000 00

3000 00

40000 00

Chas. J. Gibson

F. W. T.

(86—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Aug 31st, 1887.

Sir

I draw this day check

No. 4479. from Handy & Harman for $ 979.59

" 4480. " South Nat'l Bank. N.Y. " $ 10.46.10

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

in payment for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully,

A. M. Todd

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New York.

[Rev. 7-28-85, 1000]

Aug 31st

Handy Harmaer

New York

Aug 20th

49.398.25

49.343.24

47.764.25

0.9680

Cancelled

31. Augt. 1

Sir

I have this day transmitted by Registered Mail the following Coins, received for Official acknowledgment from the Coiner delivered during the current month:-

26 Standard Dollars

70 Dimes

~~33 Cents~~

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

Hon: James A Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Do not write
duplicate

See Page 74
for Original Letter
& Statement

at Philadelphia
C August 31st 7

31st C August 7

3,627,016.00

36,362,550.46
261,689.46
150.00

40.251,406.92

Monthly Account Current

1 Septr 7

Sir

I have to request that you will forward two dozen blanks for (monthly) Counts - form No. 225.

The last one was sent you yesterday

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept
1. 1871

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Miss Martha W. Burkheimer recently appointed Adjuster in the Comptroller's Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1 Sept 7

Sir,

Have the kindness to send us
a supply of blank oaths of office
and oblige
Very respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon Jonas P. Kimball
Doorkeeper of the House
Washington
D.C.

$4.20

Sept 10

7

2,778.180.476

{value $
{value $

Jas. P. Kimball

H.M.S.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept 3? 1877.

Sir,

I draw this day sight

No 1481 favor South Nat. Bank. N.Y. for £ 2 9.02 4. 72/

" 1482 " " " £ 4.6 0 5. 97/

" " " " £

" " " " £

" " " " £

— payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[F.D. 7-23-83. 150.]

Sept 5: 1877

Boston Lead. Smelting Co.

Argo. Col.

Aug 26: 1877

70.325.00

70.25 4.17

69.02 4.72

0.9825

W. Allen

Fin 5

Dept 3?

Fourth National Bank

New York

Aug 13?

£9.696.70

£9.613.90

0.9650 £7.877.11

3. Sept 7

Sir;

As requested in yours of the 2nd. inst., I have the honor to enclose a corrected statement of the Coins reserved for special delivery during Augt. ulto. which were sent to you by Registered mail on the 31st. ulto.

As an explanation of the cause, I may say that the Corresponding Clerk - who only reports the number of packages, and can know nothing of their contents - failed to read aright the Cashier's report, on which he based his letter.

My letter of Aug. 31st - with error - referred to in yours as being enclosed herewith, was not so enclosed. Have the

kindness either to return it or destroy it?

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

31 : Augt 7

Sir

I have this day transmitted by Registered Mail the following Coins, reserved for Special Assay from the Coines deliveries during the current month

20 Standard Dollars (and)

70 Dimes

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

K's 4

September 3rd 7

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 2nd inst. calling attention to an error in a letter from this Office, under date of Aug. 17th to Mr William D. Mathews of the Western Natl Bank of New York, in stating the authorized deductions from Silver bullion, I have to explain, that the expression, as dictated to the Amanuensis, was not "3⅓ ounces", but "3⅓ hundredths of an ounce." The error in transcribing the Stenographer's notes, escaped observation when the letter was signed. I have written Mr Mathews in explanation.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

5. Sep. 7

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the following oaths of office of persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint: -

James Upping, Laborer, General Department
James Dobinson, " " "
Jacob Steinert " " "
Michael Spillman " " "
Patrick J. Carrigan " " "
John Masterson " " "
Frank O'Rourke, Helper, A.M.W. "
Jacob Hoffman, Blacksmith, Gen.' "
John J. Gorman, Watchman, Co. " "
Neal J. Loughery, Carpenter, Power "
Thomas Grace, Cutter " "
Frank Michelbach " " "

John F. Keefe Roller, Bonners Opt, and
Francis F. Rodden " " "

It will be noticed that some of the appointees write their signatures differently from the way in which they were given to the Department.

Have the kindness to change the pay of William A. Good to $3.00 - the pay of a Cleaner, - from $3.00 to the amount named in my letter of the 30th ults

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
House of Reps
Washington
D.C.

F.W.B

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dept 5th 1887.

To

I draw this day check

No. 6483, favor Messrs. Seligman, Selgman & Co. for $22.376.49

" 6484, " Henry Hannan " $25.738.17

in payment for Silver Ingots

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[illegible] 7-28-85. 1000

Sept 5th

7

2.835.700 22

68 - Local

value # 158.469 22
110.617 90
315.245
30.081

Jas. D. Kimball

5. Sept 7

Sir,

We need as soon as they can be made Five books printed and ruled, of which I enclose a sample leaves, with directions for binding and labeling. As the regulations exclude me from making requisition now upon the Government Printing Office, I apply for authority to procure them here.

~~It was not supposed~~ when the ~~semi~~ annual requisition was made, that these books would be needed so soon, but the business of the Mint is enormous, and it is difficult to anticipate wants of this kind unless we get supplies for

in advance of our probable needs

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

5: Sept 7

Sir:

As requested in your letter of 1st inst:, I herewith enclose sample leaves of a book for Silver Bullion purchases and deposits, - together with directions for the binding and labels, for the information of the Public Printer.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P. M. S.

(85—)

Coin of the United States of Liberia

Sir

I have this day check—

No 485 favor Handy Hannah for $28.87½. 55

in payment for Silver Dollars

I am very respectfully,

Acting Superintendent

Mint of the United States

New York

[35.—05—85. 10M.]

7 Sept 7

Sir;

Have the kindness to report in writing the time when Goodman, Hollowbush, Crawford, Rowland, Schools, Falls, McNulty, Nall, Palmer and Good, entered upon their respective duties in your department

Respectfully

Superintendent

W. J. Neil Esq
Cairo

7 Sept 7

Sir

Have the kindness to report in writing, the date when John Geiss & John Mc Guiley entered upon their duties in your department

Respy

Superintendent

N B Boyd Esqr
Asst Quarter Master

Sept 8th 1837.

Hands & Harman 37.452.36.

Fairlamb Bridgate & Co 5.621.37

Sept 8th

Heritage Realty Co.

New York

Aug 26th

50.681.50

50.617.17

49.731.32

0.9825

8th Sept. /

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 6th inst, I beg leave to report the following, obtained from the Mutter Returns this day,-

John Lee entered upon his new duties on the 1st. inst and John McGinley on the 2nd:-
Henry Hollowbush, John Crawford, Charles F. Fails, Geo. W. McNally, Geo. W. Talmer, and W.H. Good - on the 1st inst, A.G. Fordance, John Shook, and Wm Fin Nulty on the 2nd, (new) Julius Goodman on the 5th inst

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W.H. Good
Superintendent

To James McKintall
Deputy U.S. Marshal
Washington D.C.

F. 705

Sept. 8th

7

£ 757.906.22

value £ 177.706.225
575.691.63.
3613.225

value £

Jas. P. Kimball.

Sept 9th 7

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Statement of Coins coined at this Mint for Seignorage and Assay by the Treasurer U.S.; and the Amount received and assayed from the same; also the Amount of Coins struck from new material during the Fiscal year ended June 30th 1887, as requested in your favor of the 27th ult.

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

9: Sept 7

Sir

Until further notice the purchasing rate of Silver at this Mint in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be ninety-six and a half cents per ounce fine

Respectfully
H Heiskell
Acting Superintendent

Mr Henry Cochrane
Weigh Clerk

9: Sept 7

Sir

Until further notice the purchasing rate of Silver at this Mint in lots of 10.000 ounces will be ninety six and a half cents per ounce fine

Respectfully
H E Hinkle
Actg Superintendent

Mr Stange Eckert
Abstract Clerk

SAK

Philada
Sept 9th 7

August 31st 1887
1.211.089.71/100 with exceptions noted below. *

* Balance as per your Statement
Do " " my Books

1.211.089.71
1.199.964.02
† 11.125.69

Differences accounted for as follows viz.

Check No. 6479 drawn Aug 31st favor Hardy & Hannan - not included in your Statement * 979.59
" " 6480 " " " " Exch Nat Bank N.Y. 10.146.10
11.125.69

H C Hickok
Acting Supt US Mint

Westchester
Officers Asst
Asst Treas N.Y.

Sept 9th

6488 Handy & Harman 43.145.77

6489 South National Bank N.Y. 9.367.94

Acting Superintendent

E.N.S

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Sept 10th 1880

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint for the month of Sept 1880 per letter of instructions dated Sept 2nd 1880

J. W. Seligman & Co.

New York Sept 6th 1880

Standard Troy Ounces	@	30.55 4.00
Fine Troy Ounces	@	30.518.79
Fineness	0.9720	Cost per Fine Ounce $ 29 66 1.26

D. M. Fox

(86-A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec. 10th, 188-.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 1000, favor Wm. Lehmann Esq., for $58,553.31

" 1001, " Girard Nat. Bank, " $6,330.40

" 1002, " Lindy & Lehmann, " $33,025.77

" ____, " _____, " $_____

" ____, " _____, " $_____

" ____, " _____, " $_____

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Ex. 7-28-85. 1000)

F.N.S.

Sept 10th 7

J.W. Seligman & Co

New York

Sept 7th 7

29.750.00

29.656.32

0.9775 28.989.05

D.M.Fox

97.a.

12. Sept'r 7

Sir,

Please forward to the U.S. Mint at New Orleans eight-flairs Standard Silver dollars dies

Respectfully
A. M. Fox
Superintendent

Charles E. Barber Esq
Engraver

(B—A)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept. 1, 1858.

Sir

I draw this day check—

No. 103, favor Heritage, Belgate & Co., for $14.956.06

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

D. M. Boyd

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[EX. 1-25-58. 1858]

98.a.

Sept 12th 7

Sir;

In conformity to the instructions contained in the following telegram received this day, you are authorized and directed to absent yourself from duty for such time as may be necessary. You will keep and render to me a detailed account of your expenses incurred thereby.

"New York 12th"

"Supt U. S. Mint Phila."

"Have Engineer James, meet me at Union Club eight (8) Oclock. Tuesday morning to accompany me to see Rolls in Connecticut"

"Jas. P. Kimball"

"Director U. S. Mint."

Very Respectfully.

D. M. Fox
Supt.

Samuel James
Foreman of Machine Shop
U. S. Mint.
Phila.

12'

2.685.100.875

value $ 368.45c 143
360.070 64

588 26

Jas. D. Kimball

F. N. 5

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec. 13th, 1867.

I draw this day check

No. 3494.	favor	Heritage, Adair & Co.	for	$10.658.48
3495.	"	Fourth Nat'l Bank, N. Y.	"	$8.194.50
3496.	"	Handy & Harman.	"	$19.280.25
	"		"	$
	"		"	$
	"		"	$

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

W. A. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[Ed. 7-25-65. 1000]

Sept 13th

Kentage, Belgate

New York
Sept 7th

7

0.97 70

7 5.338.70
7 5.307.39
7 4.593.97

13: Sept 1

Sir

In reply to your circular of the 9th inst. I beg to say that I have regularly acknowledged the receipt of the volumes of the Census report on their arrival by filling up and returning the blanks for this purpose which come with the volumes.

We have now on our shelves Vols. 1 to 20 inclusive - except 17 and 19 - and 13 in duplicate

Very respectfully

Superintendent

H.R. Waldrow Esq
First Asst. Secretary
Dept of the Interior
Washington
DC

S126

(20—2.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept 16, 188-.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No 1 a— Lewis Zimmerman & Brother for $ 6.531.34

" 2 a " J. W. Seligman & Co. " $ 2-.363.28

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

D. M. Hod

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ex. 3-28-85. 1000]

Feb 14th

2.655.041.445

Chas. F. Kimball

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst. [illegible] the Comptroller of the Treasury will [illegible] decline to pass my requisitions for funds when my indebtedness to the Government for advances from the Appropriations exceeds my official Bond.

I am very sorry that you should have had any difficulty in having my requisitions promptly acted upon by the Comptroller for want of Vouchers, as it is my earnest endeavor to render my appropriation accounts complete as promptly as possible. But in accounting for disbursements to a five hundred rounds my Pay Rolls are incomplete promptly down to the middle of the preceding month by reason of the absence of officers on duty, whose signatures cannot be obtained at the regular pay day. This is the case at present with my August Rolls.

2 -

As I will need funds for the current month, I have no recourse but to make herewith my usual requisitions, and accompany them with such explanations as I have on hand, and will endeavor to satisfy the Comptroller, so that requisitions will not be delayed beyond next week.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Sept 1st 7

Sir:

I enclose herewith my Estimates of appropriations for the Service of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1889.

Very Respectfully

Dahl McNeil

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

Ltr.

Sept. 1st 1873

Sir,

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Ten thousand Dollars ($10.000) in my favor, payable from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet in part the expenses of this Mint on that account for the current month.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

SRL

Sept 17th 7

Sir:

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars ($1500) in my favor: payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion to meet the expenses on that account at this Mint for the current month.

Very Respectfully.

R. M. Fox.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D. C.

17: Sept 1

Sir,

Miss Hannah R. Tunnell an Adjuster having resigned, her name will be dropped from the rolls after the 15th inst.

Very respectfully
Wm M Ford
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 17 7

Sir:

I would like you to forward me by return mail, if possible, about two dozen copies of the blank form of certificate required to be filled out by the officers of incorporated companies or limited partnerships, showing the authority of the Treasurer, or other designated officer, to receipt bills, or sign vouchers, for the payment of money by the Mint.

Very Respectfully

W. M. Stewart

Sen.

Hon J. P. Kimball.

Director of the Mint.

Washington.

D. C.

Sheet

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

[illegible] 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day [illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	38.593.61
0500	Fidelity Trust Co	23.830.30
0501	Zimmerman & Lindau	17.938.57
0502	Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y.	717.68
0503	Handy & Harman	80.857.41

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[Ed. 7-25-85. 1000]

Sept 19th 7

Handy Harman

New York

Sept 3rd 7

1n5.118.30

1n5.033.40

0.9775 1nn.nn0.16

Dept 19th Z

Handy & Harman

New York
Dept 6th Z

51.001.00
50.956.70
49.529.90

0.9770

Encl

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Sept 19th 1887

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from Handy & Harman New York per letter of advice, dated Sept 16th 1887

Invoice Weight,	ozs.	75.199.65
Fine Weight,	ozs.	75.087.47
Value @ 0.9720 per oz. fine, $		72.985.02

A. W. Loring

Superintendent

Sept 9th 7

Handy Hannan

New York
Sept 10th 7

50.249.00
50.198.75
48.793.18

0.9720

Sept 19th

Zimmerman & Forshay

New York

Sept 10th

75.703.80

75.177.89

74.477.91

0.99 70

Like

PHILADELPHIA PENN

Sept 19th 187-

Fourth Nat'l Bank

New York

per letter of advice

dated Sept. 21st 1887

25.214.80

25.176.65

24.610.18

0.9975

Superintendent

Dr. Mitchell
Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Sept 17th 7

Sir

I have this day received through your office, the following remittance for minor coins, for account of the party named

First Nat'l Bank. Temple. Tex $40.

I have also notified the party interested.

Very Respectfully
R. M. Ford
Supt.

To Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Sept 19th

2,782.38 07

2 Mk Local

value $

value $ 2,782.38

20. Sept.r 7

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter of 31 ult.o, I herewith transmit a statement of Trade Dollars, melted at this Mint from April to August 1887.

I also return the statement of Trade Dollars from July 1883 to March 1887, transmitted in your letter for explanation.

I have to state in reference to statement "A" enclosed in your letter that a majority of the reported omissions, are really not omissions, but were reported on the statement herewith returned, in the name of the Shipper, instead of the name of N.B. Morrison - the Express Agent who made the deposit. The sup-

noted from your instructions that you wanted the names of the owners.

There were no Trade Dollars in the deposits itemized on your Statement "B" herewith returned.

The returned Statement has been gone over with a great deal of pains and care and it is now as full and complete as it is possible for us to make it.

As your call for these statistics is in the nature of an ex post facto requirement, we having received the Trade Dollars prior to the recent Act of Congress authorizing their redemption as bullion only and not by tale, it is of course exceedingly difficult if not impossible, at this late day to make a report by tale.

2)

We have done the best we could under the circumstances and we trust that the statement as now returned will be at least approximately satisfactory

Very respectfully

Dallas M Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20: Sept 7

Sir;

In compliance with instructions of the 12th inst., I have this day forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans:-

8 Obverse St. Dollar dies Nos. 103 to 110 inclusive
8 Reverse " " " " 102 to 109 "

Very respectfully
W. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 20 /

Sir.

Statement 98 Silver bullion deposited May 19th 87 by Handy and Harman enclosed in your letter of the 19th inst. is herewith returned with the Assayers Signature.

The corrections in parting charges noted in your letter are acknowledged.

Very Respectfully
A. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 20 7

Sir.

My shipping clerk, has just notified me, that his supply of the enclosed request for the return of specie boxes and kegs, is entirely exhausted. I desire authority to have 2,000 copies printed here immediately. One of these slips is put in every box and keg of coin before shipment; we would otherwise lose heavily in kegs and boxes.

Very Respectfully
Dan'l McFee
Supt.

Hon J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 20th

Sir:

I have carefully re-checked the Statement received from you relative to the Coinage executed at the Dahlonega Mint for the Calendar Years 1857. 58. 59 & 60, and I cannot find any differences from the figures at first reported to you. It is evident however, that the reports, if they ever were received, have been mislaid, (as they are not in the files) for the year 1857, and books of the years 1858. 59 & 60. The figures I gave you were extracted from monthly reports, signed by the Superintendent of that Mint, and I suppose are correct so far as they go, but as your figures differ so widely, I believe that I am safe in concluding, that the accounts of that Mint furnish the correct figures.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. DC.

Sept 20th

Sir.

I beg to enclose you herewith bill in duplicate for Fifty $ 50/100 being the value of 8 pair S.S. Dollar dies prepared for and transmitted to the Mint U.S. at New Orleans. as per your letter of instruction dated Sept 10th 1887.

Very Respectfully,
W.M.C. McPhail
Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Bank of the United States of Philadelphia

Sept 20th 1837

Pay

I draw this my check

$50.00 favor Handy & Harmour $22.25 28/

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York.

(No. 1.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept 21st 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check
No 6505, favor J. W. Seligman & Co for $31.260.17
" " " " " " $
" " " " " " $
" " " " " " $
" " " " " " $
" " " " " " $
" " " " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Eo. 7-28-85. 1000]

Sept 21st 7

J. W. Seligman & Co.

New York

Sept 9th 7

Invoice Weight	100.150.45
Tare	100.017.55
Value @ 0.9770 per oz. fine	97.217.06

W. M. Fox

Sept 21st 7.

Sir;

As requested by you on your recent visit at this Mint, I have to report, that the amount of Minor Coins reissued during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1887. is as follows, ie.

Bronze One Cent pieces	$43.601.13
Nickel Five Cent "	63.212.45
Total	$106.813.58

These Coins were received at various times during the year, and the cost of handling them was as follows.

Wages of two men at $3.00 per diem	$6.00
" " one man " 2.75 " "	2.75
Total	$8.75

The time required was 58 days, which at $8.75 per day equals $507.50

These were mostly reshipped in the bags in which they were received.

Very Respectfully.

[redacted] Fox

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

Sept 21st 87

Sir;

I respectfully return herewith my Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the second quarter 1887, and beg to state, that the Seigniorage on Minor Coins re-coined, ie. $6.029.89 is not omitted therefrom as stated in your letter.

The Seigniorage on purchased Metal for the quarter was $195.504.41

and for re-coinages 6.029.89

Total $201.534.30

I have entered these items separately on the Statement which I find to be correct. Of course the wastages should not be eliminated.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 21 /

Sir.

I herewith transmit, for your consideration, a form of advertisement for proposals to furnish Fifty Thousand pounds of Five Cent Copper Nickel Blanks, required to continue the coinage of Five Cent Nickels

Very Respectfully

M. Maher

Superintendent.

Hon J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

21: Sep'r 7

Sir

In reply to the letter of the 19th inst. received by you from Zimmermann & Forshay, New York, and referred to me by endorsement, I can only say that I have uniformly declined to make approximate payments on account of the silver purchases delivered at this Mint, not deeming it prudent or safe to do so. Whenever the value of any Consignment of silver bullion is ascertained, checks for the same are forwarded without unnecessary delay. There is never any tardiness or neglect in making payment, when

it is ascertained what that payment should be

Very respectfully

A. M. Clelland

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

21. Sept 1887

Sir

I herewith transmit a statement by Calendar years prepared in the Coiners office, of the Coinage of this Mint from 1860 to 1886 inclusive.

I also enclose a printed tabular statement by Calendar years of the Coinage of this Mint from 1793 to 1859 inclusive

The two together complete the record from the origin of the Mint to the close of the Calendar year 1886

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 22d 1.

Sir:

There is now in my hands the following amount of Gold and Silver Deposits, which I desire that you should receive from my Weigh Clerk without further delay. viz

		Std. Ozs. Dwts
Gold.	Ex July and August	51.538.784
Silver	"	43.757.29

Very Respectfully
D. M. Fitt
Supt

D. B. Boyd Esqr.
Actg Asst Melter & Refiner

Sept

186—

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept. 17th 1887.

Sir

I draw this day check

No 2520 favor Heritage Belgate Bro for $25.249.87

" 2507 " Corn Exch. Bank. N.Y. " $58.857.43

" 2508 " Handy Harman " $18.184.84

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully.

L Walter

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

[Sp. 9-25-85. 1000]

Sept. 11 1907

Boston Lot Smelting Co.

Org. Lot.
Sept. 17th.

60.764.00
60.677.76
58.857.43

0.97

Sept 22.

2

Hessage, Bolgar & Co

New York
Sept 9.

2

50.533.35
50.446.55
49.051.53

0.9770

22. Sept. 7

Sir

I have now made of the 21 st. inst, stating

Will you please deliver the scales and 4 wheeled trucks that have been in use in the redemption of the Trade Dollars, to the Adams Express Company who will bring them back to the Mint.

I am glad to know that they are serving you satisfactorily.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. J. Davis Page
Asst. Treas. United States
Philadelphia
Penna

2.803.537.00

Jas. D. Kimball

Sept 23rd 87

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd inst. I would say, that from my standpoint, the Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the second quarter 1887, as it stands is correct, and in keeping with our uniform custom of stating gross earnings and gross expenditures.

But I will cheerfully eliminate the loss by re-coinage therefrom, and show only the net gain by re-coinage of Minor Coins. if you think it best and so direct me.

Very Respectfully,
Wm McMorrow
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec. 31 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No. 6509 favor Handy & Harman, for $ 14339.28

" 6510 " South Nat'l Bank N.Y. " 9906.66

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

W. E. Ford

Superintendent.

Assistant Examiner U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

F.W.S.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Sept 16

Sir

I draw this day in favor

of 5 1 Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. for $ 21.026.21/100

of 5 1 J.N. Seligman & Co. $ 76.951.79

of 5 1 Handy & Harman $ 29.127.15

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully,

F. W. Fox

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

(Rev 9-28-05 1000)

Sept 14th 7

J. W. Seligman & Co.

New York
Sept 20th 7

79.711.20
79.577.86
0.9670 76.951.79

F.M.S

Sept 24th

Sir.

Please have my Balance with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York increased, in order that I may make prompt returns for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Horace B. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sept 7th

Sir:

I beg to inclose herewith Memoranda showing Coin Values and Loss by recoinage on Silver bullion received from Asst Treasurer US. at Philadª per "T.O" 14th inst. from Asst Treasurer US. at Baltimore Md. per "T.O" 14th inst.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

24. Sept. 7

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3554 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comm herein enclosed, I have made the following appointments, transfers, and promotions in his department:-

Robert Lynch, Jacob Neunzel, Daniel C. Seeger, John Schenck and Henry W. Crotzer to be Cutters @ $2.00 per diem each; and Frank Lorr, Hoister, @ $2.50 per diem: to take effect from date of oaths:

Nathan S. Osler, Cleaner to Cutter @ $2.00 per diem - vice Millard Trullinger - and Millard Trullinger, Cutter, to Cleaner, @ $3.00 per diem - vice Nathan S. Osler-

Charles J. Walls, Cutter to Annealer, @ $3.00 per diem, Arthur J. Farnon, and Robert S. Monks, Rollers to Annealers @ $3.00 per diem, each, and Charles McNamee, Helper in the Melter & Refiners Department to Cutter @ $2.00 per diem - vice Charles J. Walls, made Annealer - John Dougherty, Laborer, to Roller, @ $2.00 per diem - vice Robert S. Monks made Annealer - James Clare, Laborer, to Cutter @ $2.00 per diem, John Sheldon, Laborer, to Cutter, @ $2.00 per diem, and Charles E. Knight, Melter to Roller @ $2.00 per diem - vice Arthur J. Farnon promoted - to take effect upon their assuming their respective du-

ties and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Nobel McFox

Superintendent

Hon James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

24: Sept 7

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect 3507 Revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you, that on the recommendation of the Acting Melter & Refiner, herein enclosed, I have appointed the following named persons Helpers in his department @ $2 00 per diem each; Patrick R. McLaughlin, Charles Pinley, Henry L Barwood, Jonathan Jones, Jacob J. Johnson, Joseph Sauerlander and Joseph Guggenheimer — the last named vice Samuel Bookbinder resigned — and promoted John Sullivan, Laborer, to Helper in his Department @ $2 00 per diem — vice

Charles McNamee made Sutler - Henry C. Waram, Helper, to Melter @ $3.00 per diem - vice Charles E Knight made Roller and William Burk, Laborer, to Helper in his Department @ $2.00 per diem — vice Henry C. Waram promoted — to take effect from date of oaths and upon their assuming their new duties and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Dept 23 /

Sir,

Under Section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have made the following appointments in the general Department of the Mint:—

Bonifacius Moritz, William Kingert, and John Meekill Laborers @ $2.75 per diem each — the last named vice James Clare appointed Cutter, and Joseph C Springer, night watchman @ $2.75 per diem — vice Thomas Benz removed, — to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for approval.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

24: Sept 7

Sir;

Samuel Bookbinder, Helper, in the Melter & Refiner's Department, having resigned, his name will be dropped from the Rolls after the 5th inst.

Very respectfully

A. M. Dox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

FHS

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept 16th 1897.

Sir

I draw this day check—

on 6514 favor Nostage, Belgate, Leo. for $35.956.95

6515 Fourth National Bank. N.Y. $8.140.11

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

Page 162 torn out by order of Mr Fox — Lobo

20. Sept 7

Sir,

Please forward to the San Francisco mint as early as practicable ten (10) pairs of Standard Silver Dollar dies

Respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Charles E. Barber Esq

Engraver

26. Sept. 7

Sir;

The enclosures in your letter of the 24 ult. inst. are herewith returned as requested together with the recapitulation called for.

There is nothing on our books to show that any of the deposits in the memorandum which I have marked "C," contain Trade Dollars. The supplement-ary Exhibit sent you on the 20th inst. includes all receipts up to the 31st Aug. 1887.

If you desire a report of receipt

until that date it will be furnished

Very respectfully

Wm M Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James R Kimball

Auditor of the Treasury

Washington

D C

F. M. S.

Sept 26th

7

2810.554.00

Value $ 773.200.625
347.295.40

Value $ 44.672.275
44.195.50

Jas. P. Kimball

Wm. M. Fo

Sept 7th 1887.

To

Please find herewith

Hardy Harman. $10.722.96

in payment for Labor Bulletin

I am, very respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Engineer in Charge

Mon Div

(Rev. 3-25-85. 1000)

Sept 17th

Handy & Harman

Telegram

New York

Sept 17th

4.9.19.20

4.8.14.09

2.37 4.23

0.9670

27: Sept.r 1

I will thank you to forward to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco as early as practicable

5 f-ios of Copperheads

Very respectfully

D. A. Fox

Superintendent

Col: E. Barber Esq.r

Engraver

Philadelphia
30th August 1

30th

August 1

Gold. 370.243 87.569.697.54
2000.569.36 2.197.735.87

H. S. Boothman

F. M.

(No. 4)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept 28th, 1887.

Sir,

I enclose this day draft -

No. 517 favor Fourth National Bank N.Y. for $4,418.15/100

payment for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Chief Financial Clerk

Assay Clerk

(25-86 1000)

Sept. 28th /

Sir;

I herewith transmit Cfs Dr. No. 6918 for $7785.10 of the Asst. Treasurer U.S. in this City for account of old material sold. Also an account Current of the same

Very Respectfully
M. H. Cook
Supt.

Hon. James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

FIRST

(No. 4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept 29th 1882.

Sir

I draw this day favor

0511 favor N. Seligman & Co for $ 46.908.14

0519 " Heidelbach Ickelheimer & Co " $ 36.384.61

0520 " Handy & Harman " $ 9.742.43

" " $

" " $

" " $

Payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

W. Wm Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.,

New York.

[Ed. 3-28-85, 1000]

Sept 29th 87

Sir.

I enclose herewith bill in duplicate for $292.40, being the value of 10 pair Standard Dollar dies and 5 pair Eagle dies, manufactured for and transmitted to the Mint for U.S. at San Francisco Cal. in conformity with your letters of instruction dated Sept 24th and 25th 1887.

Very respectfully,

Supt.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Sept 29th 1

Sir;

I herewith transmit C/D of this date No. 6914 from the Asst. Treasurer U.S. this City for $28.00 on account of Assay fees received during the quarter ending Sept 30. 1887. I also enclose the Assayers itemized Statement of the Assay fees received during that quarter, and the Assays for which they were made.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D.C.

September 29th 7

Assayers Report for the third quarter of 1887 of Assays of Plate, Bullion &c. and Money received therefrom.

July	2	Thos McAdam	2.00	Aug.	25	Keystone Car Co	2.00
	19	D. F. Hall	2.00		31	J.C. Gigon	2.00
	29	F. Bluthenthal	2.00	Sep	6	G.W. Richards	2.00
Aug	15	Wells Fargo & Co.	2.00		24	Baily Bank & Biddle	2.00
	17	D. F. Hall	2.00		29	Atkinson Bros	8.00
	22	Simons Bros & Co.	2.00				28.00
			12.00				

Twenty Eight Dollars the sum of the items for the third quarter of 1887.

Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

29 : Sept. 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit S/D No. 6915 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $142.00 proceeds of light-weight gold coin, received from your office on the 22nd inst.,

Very respectfully

S. H. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James H. Hyatt
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Sept 29th 7

Sir;

In compliance with instructions of the 24th and 26th inst, I have this day forwarded to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco the following dies viz;

10 Obverse Stand. Sil. Dolls. Nos 114 to 123 inclusive
10 Reverse " " " " 113. 122 "
5 Obverse Eagles Nos 18. 22 "
5 Reverse " " 18. 22.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

2.214.816.

310. Lowell

Value $ 1134.268.37
21 at 4.777

Value $ 17.979.34
19.740.91

Jas. P. Kimball

1866. Sept 7

Sir

On receipt of this please drop Joseph Sullivan & William Burk from your time book and direct them to report to the Melter & Refiner also,

John Dougherty, James Clare, & John Sheldon, and direct them to report to the Coiner

Please furnish me with a list of the dates when the changes actually take place

Respectfully
D. W. Fox
Superintendent
pl

Mr. R. R. Goldsborough
Chief Carpenter

Sep. 1 1887

Sir

The following changes have been approved in your department:-

Nathan S. Osler to Cutter
Chas J. Walls " Annealer
Arthur J. Farnon " "
Robert L Monk " "
Millard Fullmer " Cleaner
Chas McNamee Helper M&R to Cutter
John Dougherty Laborer " Roller
James Clare " " Cutter.
John Sheldon " " "
Chas E. Knight Helper " " Roller

Please furnish me with a list of dates when they enter on duty

Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

M. W. Steel
Chairman

Sept 1 Oct 7

Sir:

On receipt of this please drop Chas. McNamee and Charles E. Knight from your Rolls and direct them to report to the Comm - also Henry C. Waram.

Please furnish me with a list of the [redacted] all the Changes actually taken place in your department

Respectfully

D. M. Fox

Superintendent

per L

H. B. Day Esq

Act. 1st Asst. Clerk

(86.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Sept 30th, 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No 521, from Bank of Commerce, for $33.163.72

" 522, " Central Nat. Bank, N.Y. " $13.933.09

" ( ) " ( ) " $ ( )

" ( ) " ( ) " $ ( )

" ( ) " ( ) " $ ( )

" ( ) " ( ) " $ ( )

in payment for Silver Dollars

I am, very respectfully,

D. M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

(Rev. 16 Oct. 1886)

30. Sept 7

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit by this day's mail the following Coin drawn for special assay from the deliveries of the Mint during the current month:—

250 Standard Dollars
50 Dimes

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James H. Campbell
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

F.H.D

Sept 30th 7

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you this day per Adams Express Co. Nine hundred sixty nine $\frac{68}{100}$ ($969.68) Dollars, being the Coinage value, free of Mint Charges, of one bar of Gold and one bar of Silver resulting from the assay of Coins received at this Mint, as per your letter of transmittal dated 27th inst.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 30th 7

Sir;

In reply to your favor of 26th inst, requesting Statement Showing by denominations the amount of Silver Coins transferred to this Mint for re-coinage, during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1887. I have to State, that I am unable to comply with your request as far as the denominations of the Coin received is concerned, for the reason, that Shipments of Coin are received not only ~~un-assorted~~, but often not agreeing with either the markings on the tags, or even the invoice as far as the denominations are concerned.

The Coin on its receipt at this Institution being treated as bullion, no attempt has been made to keep separate the different kinds, with the exception of Three cent Silver Coin, the low

fineness of which requires separate assays.

I beg to enclose you herewith a Statement of the total amount received for re-coinage irrespective of denomination, which I trust may be of service to you.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

at Philadelphia
Sept. 30 7

30th Septbr 7

1.346.220.00

37.696.367.01

337.031.47

37.281.618.48

90: Sept 7

Sir;

I have the honor to inclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury the following C/D of the Assistant Treasurer in this City:-

No. 6919, for $5712.80 deposited on account of Refining Charges

No. 6920 for $143.80, deposited on account of Alloy Charges

Very respectfully

Asahel M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C

14781

Sept. 27th 7

Asst. Treas. U.S.

St. Louis. Mo.

953. 45

	Counterfeit or Spurious. $ cts.	Mutilated or Spoiled. $ cts.	Amount Available for Redemption. $ cts.
Copper Cents.			2.
Nickel Cents.			149.24
Bronze Cents.			5.01
Two-Cent Pieces.			299.74
Three-Cent Pieces.			497.46
Total Amount Redeemable.			$ 953.45

Thos. J. Gibson

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

14780 Sept. 27th 1887

Report of examination and count of Minor Coins received by the Superintendent of the Mint, from Asst Treas. U.S.

Boston, Mass.

Which is contain $ 3160. No.

	Counterfeit or Spurious. $ cts.	Mutilated or Spoiled. $ cts.	Amount Available for Redemption. $ cts.
Copper Cents,			660
Nickel Cents,			
Bronze Cents,			700.
Two-Cent Pieces,			1800.
Three-Cent Pieces,			
Five-Cent Pieces,			
Total Amount Redeemable,			$ 3160.

Chas. J. Gibson

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Order No. 14838

Sept. 27th 1887

Report of examination and count of Minor Coins received by the Superintendent of the Mint from Treasurer U.S.

Washington D.C.

said to contain $ 1460. No

	Counterfeit or Spurious. $ cts	Mutilated or Spoiled. $ cts	Amount Available for Redemption. $ cts
Copper Cents.			60.
Nickel Cents.			300.
Bronze Cents.			130.
Two-Cent Pieces.			300.
Three-Cent Pieces.			120.
Five-Cent Pieces.			550.
Total Amount Redeemable			$ 1460

Chas. F. Gibson

Counter

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Letter or Order No. 14765

Sept. 28th 1887

Report of examination and count of Minor Coins received by the Superintendent of the Mint, from Asst Treas U.S.

New York, N.Y.

Said to contain $5500. no

	Counterfeit or Spurious. $ cts.	Mutilated or Spoiled. $ cts.	Amount Available for Redemption. $ cts.
Copper Cents.			
Nickel Cents.			
Bronze Cents.			2500
Two-Cent Pieces.			
Three-Cent Pieces.			
Five-Cent Pieces.			3000.
Total Amount Redeemable			$5500.

Thos. J. Gibson

Cashier.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Transfer Order No. 14801 Sept. 29th 1887

Report of examination and count of Minor Coins received by the Superintendent of the Mint from Asst. Treas. U. S. New York, N.Y.

said to contain $ 11,950. 00/100

	Counterfeit or Spurious. $ cts.	Mutilated or Spoiled. $ cts.	Amount Redeemable $
Copper Cents.			50
Nickel Cents.			1880.
Bronze Cents.			2510.
Two-Cent Pieces.			870.
Three-Cent Pieces.			4190.
Five-Cent Pieces.			2450.
Total Amount Redeemable.			$11,950.

Thos. J. Gibson

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Depositor's Order No. 14771 Sept. 30th 1887

Report of examination and count of Minor Coins received by the

Superintendent of the Mint from Asst. Treas, U.S.

Philadelphia, Pa..

said to contain $ 4948. No

	Counterfeit or Spurious	Mutilated or Defec.	Amount Available for Redemption.
	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.
Copper Cents			37.21
Nickel Cents			932.57
Bronze Cents			259.60
Two-Cent Pieces			1168.20
Three-Cent Pieces			2143
Five-Cent Pieces			406
Total Amount Redeemable			$ 4948.

Thos. Gibbons

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

The following Order No. 14799 Sept. 20th 1897

Report of examination and count of Minor Coins received by the Superintendent of the Mint, from Asst. Treas U.S. New Orleans, La.

said to contain $ 101. 15/100

	Counterfeit or Spurious. $ cts.	Mutilated or Spoiled. $ cts.	Amount Available for Redemption. $ cts.
Copper Cents.			$ 10.
Nickel Cents.			
Bronze Cents.			32.20
Two-Cent Pieces.			58.80
Three-Cent Pieces.			
Five-Cent Pieces.			
Total Amount Redeemable.			$ 101.15

Chas. J. Gibson Cashier

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Order No 14813

Sept 20th 1887

Report of examination and count of Minor Coins received by the Superintendent of the Mint, from Asst Treas. U.S.

Chicago, Ill.

Amount $ 80. No

	Counterfeit or Spurious. $ cts.	Mutilated or Spoiled $ cts.	Amount available for Redemption. $ cts.
Copper Cents,			
Nickel Cents,			60.
Bronze Cents			
[illegible]-Cent Pieces			20.
Three-cent Pieces			
Five-Cent Pieces,			
Total Amount Redeemable.			$ 80.

Chas. Gibson

Counter

(86-1)

Mint of the [redacted] States at Philadelphia.

Oct 1st, 1887.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No. 6523	Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y.	for	$13.086.68
" 6524	" J.W. Seligman & Co	"	$30.641.73
" 6525	" Nesslage, Seligman & Co.	"	$5.184.23
" 6526	" Handy & Harman	"	$28.833.19
"	"	"	$
"	"	"	$

in payment for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully,

[redacted]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

(Rev. 7-28-85. 1000)

Oct 1st 2

J. W. Seligman & Co

New York

Sept 27th 2

80.289.00

80.196.35

0.9670 77.549.87

All delivered during Four Quarters.

1 October 7

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Five pair for Calendar year Eighteen Eighty seven sent November ninth eighty six

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1. Octobr 7

Sir

One of the employees of the Mint has been absent for a Considerable length of time - a Couple of months - and from the nature of his sickness promises to be absent much longer - I desire to know how far I shall allow him half pay - being absent from sickness -

Very respectfully -

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

(88 A)

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 3d, 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No 6527, favor Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y., for $6.948.38

" 6528 " Nesslage, Belgate & Co. " $9.907.70

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

W. M. Ford

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 7-25-85. 1000]

Oct 3? 7

Fourth National Bank

New York

Sept 20th 7

80.204.93

80.102.67

0.9670 77.459.28

77.917.17 ozs delivered during prior Quarter

7.185.50 " " " current Quarter.

W. M. Test

Superintendent

FMS

D. 34 7

Sir:

I have immediate necessity for a new book of "Treasury Department Purchases of Silver Bullion". A requisition for and sample of this book was sent you last June.

Very Respectfully

W. Wal. McDox

Supt

Hon Jas P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

2.82-862.

5th Local

value $

value $

Jas. P. Kimball.

Void not Sent

Telegram received making it unnecessary

Oct 4th 7

Sir;

I received this morning from your office, bills in duplicate for $1500 and $9. respectively for advertising in the Phila. Record in this city and payable from the appropriations of the last fiscal year. In view of the fact that the payment of these bills will increase the expenditures of this Mint for that year, I will thank you to return as soon as possible, my statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the second quarter and for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1887, that I may amend them accordingly.

If you have any other bills to be charged to that year's appropriations, as you are very urgent that I should close the account, will you kindly send these forward at once for

payment in order that I may comply with your instructions of the 2 ult. to deposit the unexpended balances and complete my tabulated statements for that year.

I regret that I have not been able to close those accounts long since, but I have been delayed by reason of contingencies growing out of the uncertainty as to the disposition of a portion of commissions of Wilson Bros & Co. in connection with the Steam Plant contract, and in relation to which I telegraphed you yesterday in reply to your telegram, in which you stated, that you were embarrassed by my failure to close the account. Awaiting your reply

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

GHS

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 15, 1887.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith Check No. 29, favor Hardy Hannan for $19.421.21

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[illegible] 15-85, 10000

Oct 4th 7

Sir,

As requested in your telegram of To-day, I have deposited the unexpended balances of the Ordinary Appropriation for the last fiscal year, and enclose herewith duplicate certificate of Deposit for the same.

In my Statement of Earnings and Expenditures will require amending by the addition of the items of $24. for expenses of the Record for advertising, received from you this morning, as well as by those stated in your telegram, I will thank You to return them for amendment. The Architects account is not yet completed.

Very Respectfully
Dallas McFox
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

4: October 7

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein enclosed I have appointed George W. Smith, Cutter, in his department @ $2 00 per diem — Daniel R. Frazer, having declined the appointment — to take effect on date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Daniel M'Ford

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

SRb

(86-A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 5th 1887.

Sir,

I send this day Mail

6530 fine Virginia Belgate Leo. for $ 8.171.19

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

ED 2-28-88. 10000

Oct 5th 1887

Messrs. Ledgate Bros.

New York

Sept 30th 1887

99.988.60

99.848.96

0.9670 96.553.94

81.183. (11)/92 deliveries during prin Quarter.

18.695. (85)/ " " present Quarter.

Oct 5th

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ulto: I have immediate necessity for two books in daily use in the Book Keepers Department, a description of which follows. The first, for Silver Bullion, (sample pages of each account enclosed herewith) should be of 500 Single pages divided as follows viz:

250 pages for the Superintendents a/c
150 " " " Melter & Refiners a/c
100 " " " Coiners a/c

The second book, for Gold Bullion, (sample pages enclosed) should contain 250 single pages divided in the following manner viz:

170 pages for the Superintendents a/c
68 " " " Melter & Refiners "
62 " " " Coiners "

Both books to be bound in canvass, with thumb tabs to designate the beginning of each account, and two cover pockets to each book. In binding both books, the Melter & Refiners account should come first, the Superintendents second, and the Coiners third. They should be backed as follows viz:

1st

Superintendents
Daily Account.
E
Silver Bullion
U. S. Mint
Phila.a

2d

Superintendents
Daily Account
E
Gold Bullion
U. S. Mint
Phila.a

The lettering on the back of the Silver Bullion Book, should be in black ink, and on the Gold Bullion Book, in red ink.

The increase in daily business has caused these books in use at present, to be filled more rapidly than had been anticipated, else requisition would have been made before.

If the books cannot be furnished by the Department,

in a very short time. I would respectfully ask for authority to have them made in this city.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

F. M. J.

Oct 5th 7

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of this day, I beg to enclose a descriptive leaf of the Silver Purchase book, and would say that this book will be ready inside of three or four weeks at the furthest. Descriptive pages of this book were forwarded you last June.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

Washington D.C.

Treasury Department

Bureau of the Mint

Washington D.C. October 5

Very respectfully

(25—A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 6th 1887.

Sir,

I have this day sent—

No 6531, from J. H. Seligman & Co. for $28.061.92

6532 " Handy & Harman. " 6.194.55

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

an assortment for Silver Dollars

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

[illegible]

[ED. 7-28-85. 100C]

Oct 6th

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J.W. Seligman & Co.

New York

Oct 4th

Z

29.034.10

29.004.57

28.061.92

0.9675

Apl

Oct 6th

Handy Human

New York

Sept 28th

100.788.35

100.676.70

97.354.37

0.9670

74.186.[illegible] ozs delivered during fair Quarter.

26.489.[illegible] " " present Quarter.

Walter

Oct 6th 7

Sir,

I return herewith my Statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the second quarter and fiscal year ended June 30. 1887. I also enclose tabulated Statements of Expenditures for the [redacted] and [redacted], all of which have been amended so as to take in the remaining payments from that year's appropriations. I will say that it is not always possible, even with the strictest vigilance, to foresee accidents of the kind requiring the amendments.

All possible care is exercised by my bookkeeper to see that everything connected with his immediate branch of the Mint Service is complete and correct before transmittal. I believe there are no other bills outstanding for last year's expenses

The difference of $109.86 between your accounts and the Mint books is the amount of wages paid on two supplemental pay-rolls forwarded to your office on the 17th ult. These when entered upon your books will reconcile them with the Mint records. Those rolls with other vouchers were forwarded in order to enable me to have my requisition approved for funds for the month of September. Other incidental vouchers were also forwarded at the same time. I enclose herewith my Abstract and account current of Supplemental Ordinary expenses, which embraces the above, and which closes the year's work.

As there is not room upon either the statements of Earnings and Expenditures, or the tabulated Statements, to satisfactorily make the deductions of re-payments for dies manufactured, I leave that part (with your permission) to be done

in your office.

The item of $2944.84 credited as wastage to the Melter and Refiner, is an actual wastage of metal in the re-corning of Minor Coins as rendered.

Sincerely regretting that any embarrassment should be caused you in preparing your reports, I can only say as before, that it has arisen not from any neglect here, but from a force of combining circumstances, not possible to be controlled.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C

Philadelphia, Pa.,

2,712,791.

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value $

value $

Hon Geo. P. Kimball.

Director of the Mint Washington D.C.

Superintendent

Oct 7th 7

Sir;

From the letter of the Director of the Mint, dated 6th inst. I quote as follows:

"Referring to your dispatch of current date, stating that you are prepared to coin $1.000.000 Eagles, you are hereby authorized to do so as early as practicable"

Respectfully
W. E. Hoxie
Supt.

Mr. N. B. Boyd
Asst. Melter & Refiner.

Oct 7th /

Sir;

From the Letter of the Director of the Mint, dated 6th inst. I quote as follows;

"Referring to your dispatch of current date, stating that you are prepared to coin $1.000.000. in Eagles, you are hereby authorized to do so as early as practicable."

Respectfully
N. M. Taxx
Supt.

Mr. Wm. S. Stuart
Comer,

7: October 7

Sir

I have the honor to endose the oaths of office of the following named persons recently appointed to positions in this Mint:-

Jacob Renzel	Cutter	Opt
John F. Shenk	"	"
Henry M. Crotzer	"	"
Frank Corr	"	"
Patrick A. McLaughlin	Helper	M. & R. Dept
Charles Bailey	"	"
Henry L. Darwood	"	"
Jonathan T. Jones	"	"
Jacob J. Johnson	"	"
Joseph Sauerlander	"	"
Joseph Guggenheim	"	"

Benjazeia Moritz -	Laborer -	General Dft
William Kennett	"	"
John Meerkill	"	"
Joseph O. Jennings	Night Watchman	"

also -

To give the following dates when the transferred employees are reported to have entered on their new duties:-

October 1st	Nathan J. Osler
" 1st	Millard Fullinger
" 1st	Charles J. Walls
" 1st	Arthur J. Farnon
" 1st	Robert J. Monks
" 3rd	Charles McNamee
" 3rd	Charles C. Knight
" 1st	John Dougherty
" 1st	James Clare
" 1st	John Sheldon

Oct. 1st Henry D. Moran
" 3rd John Sullivan (and)
" 3rd William Burke

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon: James Marshall
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

ERb

Oct 7th 7

Sir;

I beg to return herewith my Statement of 9th ult. amended, so as to show the total amount of Minor Coins re-coined at this Mint during the Fiscal year ended June 30. 1887. which amount was $291.050.41. My reason for reporting the amount originally as $224.445.07. you will permit me to say, was, that my understanding of the phraseology of your letter of Aug 27th led me to suppose, that you simply desired to know what amount in Sale value of Coins transferred for recoinage was so treated, without the addition of any Metal. Please find also enclosed your Statement for your annual report.

Very Respectfully
Wm M Fox
Supt.

Hon James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

7 October 7

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sec. 2600 Rev. Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Miss Eleanor L. Farley, was Adjusted at the Department Office per diem, to take effect on date of oath and I submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James A. Kimball
Second Auditor of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

8 Oct: 7

Sir;

On receipt of this you will consider yourself suspended from duty, until further orders

Respectfully
W. H. Fox
Superintendent

M. John A. Smith
Helper M. & R. Sh.

Pitts

(No. 1.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 8th, 1887.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 6533, favor Handy & Harman, for $24.259.26/...

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

P. 2-28-85. 1000

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Our 8% 7

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the

Director of the Mint, from Handy & Harman

per letter of instruction Telegram

New York

Our 5% 7

Fine Weight	25.108.25
Fine Troy	25.074.17
Value @ 0.9675	24.259.26

Superintendent

Phila. Penn.

Oct 8th 1887

Sept 30th 1887

Bal. $1.191.500.70 with exceptions noted below *

* Balance as per your Statement Sept 30th $1.191.500.70

" " " my Books " " 1.097.496.25

Difference accounted for by following Checks not included on your Statement - my

Check No. 6518 . Sept 29th $46.908.14

" " 6521 " 30th 33.165.22

" " 6522 " " 13.933.09 $94.004.45

Supt

14772

Oct. 1st 7

Asst Treas U.S.

Baltimore, Md.

contains $ 1430. ns

	Counterfeit or Spurious	Mutilated or Spoiled	Amount Available for Redemption
	$ cts.	$	
Copper Cents			$ 10.
Nickel Cents			530.
Bronze Cents			60.
Two-Cent Pieces			470.
Three-Cent Pieces			210.
Five-Cent Pieces			150.
Total Amount Redeemed			$ 1430.

Thos. Pilson

14773

Oct. 1st 1857

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

1256. no

Counterfeit or Spurious.		Mutilated or Defaced		Amount available for Redemption	
$	cts	$	cts	$	cts
				20.	
				140	
				540	
				556.	
				$1256.	

Thos. J. Gibson

14764

Oct. 3rd 1857

Asst. Treas. U.S.

Baltimore, Md.

said to contain $ 1000. no

1000.

$ 1000.

Thos. Fitzgerald

Oct 7

Sir;

In accordance with the advertisement a copy of which is attached to each of the proposals, I did this day at 12 o'clock receive two proposals for supplying the Mint with 50000 lbs more or less of unmilled 5 cent Copper blanks Composed of 3/4 Copper and 1/4 nickel, both of which were opened by me in the presence of the officers who were especially called in to witness it - one of which was from the Benedict & Burnham Mfg Co who propose to furnish us with 50000 pounds more or less of unmilled 5 % Nickel blanks @ 35 % net per lb, the other was from Joseph Wharton who proposed to supply the Mint with 50000 more or less of 25 % Copper nickel blanks and will supply the

same up to 200.000 lbs. for the price of 34 9/10 ¢ per lb.: He also offers to supply the said blanks advanced to the Condition of cleaned and milled blanks similar to the samples furnished me by him last year for the price of 37 4/10 ¢ per lb. Copies of the respective proposals are herewith enclosed

I may say the latter offer was not mentioned or sought for, as will be seen by the advertisement. Yet were it proper to entertain that offer, it would facilitate our ability to quicker supply the demand upon us for the kind of coin involved in it. Of course as to the legitimate proposals under the advertisements for unmilled blanks it will be seen that Mr. Wharton is the lowest bidder

All of which is respectfully submitted

Hon. Lawrence R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Robt. M. Patterson
Superintendent

(Copy)

American Nickel Works,
Camden, N.J. Oct 8, 1887

Hon. Daniel M. Fox Supt U.S. Mint

Dear Sir,

In response to your published invitation for proposals to supply to the Mint 50.000 lbs, more or less of Five cent Copper Nickel Coin blanks, I now offer to supply the same up to 200.000 lbs. for the price of thirty four and eight tenth cents per pound (34 8/10 cts per lb.)

Furthermore I offer to supply the said blanks advanced to the condition of cleaned and milled blanks, similar to the sample parcels furnished to you last year by me, for the price of thirty seven and four tenth cents per pound (37 4/10 cts per lb)

Yours truly
Joseph Wharton

Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co.
A. P. Reger, Agent.

Philadelphia, Oct. 8th 1887

Daniel M. Fox Esq. Supt.
Mint of the U. S.
Phila.

Dear Sir.

We will furnish you with Fifty thousand (50000) pounds, more or less of unmilled Five cent Nickel Blanks at Thirty five cents net per pound, (35¢) as per your proposal in the Phila Times copy of which is enclosed.

Yours Truly
Benedict & Burnham Mfg Co
A. P. Reger Agt

Oct 8th 7

Sir.

I have this day received through your office the following remittance for mint coins, for account of the party named.

First National Bank, Denver, Colo. $100.

I have also notified the party interested.

Very respectfully,
Wm M Fr
Supt.

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

8 October 7

Sir;

Very soon after my accession to office a most dangerous defect at the foundation of the engine, developed itself caused by a broken pipe through which the waste water of the building escaped, by reason of its being corroded, soaking into the earth, thereby washing away a quantity of earth which formed the foundation referred to, the debris falling into an old well, the chasm being so great as to render the engine if it had continued, liable to fall when a casualty certainly would have occurred probably involving loss of life as well as property.

Again, with the large increase of coinage required by law and the public necessities

it was evident that there must be new and stronger and steadier motive power to drive the machinery of the Mint, the engine that hitherto was in use being too old in its operations to answer our purpose any longer, and with the old-fashioned long boilers, unnecessarily occupying very valuable space of the centre area of the basement, which could profitably be devoted to other purposes, making the basement large and more commodious and roomy for the general uses of the Mint.

Accordingly I brought this subject to your consideration, and through you to the Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury, who made it part of his report to Congress under which a special appropriation having been made, plans were matured and contracts entered into, whereby two

new 150 Horse-power duplex steam-engines, either of which could drive all the machinery of the Mint separate from the other - so that in the event of any disablement of either there would be no interruption to the operations of the Mint - were procured. The Contracts further covered the construction of a similar make 50 Horse-power engine to run the Coining-presses independently, all being placed in the Northernmost part of the basement of the building, converting what had hitherto been several rooms for storing old and useless material. This rubbish was all removed and thus several rooms were enlarged into a spacious area where the 3 new engines were placed. The side yard at the North West corner of the building outside the Mint wall that heretofore was appropriated for

the placing of ashes, old lumber and scrap iron was utilized by constructing a boiler house in which three new boilers of the most approved pattern, acting unitedly and each separately, furnishes power for the aforesaid new engines. We have therefore gained a large needed space, and also an unquestionably better and greater motive power than the Mint ever before possessed.

With every effort I could bring to bear upon those who had contracted for this new steam plant, it was not possible to complete the same before the fiscal year had closed, but it is now complete and it is a most gratifying success, ensuring ample power in every emergency. A large saving in coal is secured thereby, the

vale and removal of the old engine and cumbrous boilers leaves room for a large vault in the very centre of the basement of the building to safely store 40 or 50 million of standard silver dollars, besides leaving further space that has been sadly needed for new water-closets, wardrobes, bath-tubs, &c., for the health and comfort of our workmen and employees which will be provided as soon as the work can be done.

These accommodations and facilities will add greatly to the efficiency and morale of the service and enable me with greater ease and certainty to meet what-ever demands for coinage may be made upon this institution by the department, with less friction and less severe strain upon its operative officers.

As to the results of the operations of the department during the fiscal year, I have obtained from the Assayer, Cashier, Melter & Refiner, & Coiner their views and observations in their several departments, in writing; a copy of which respectively, I deem it proper to enclose herewith, as they seem to embrace a fair and interesting statement collectively of the workings of their departments.

The Assayer reports that the record of the year just closed exceeds the aggregate of the work done in his department last year by 4000 assays: the total being 66.000 as against 62.000 in the previous year. There were 1416 melts of ingots made for coinage, and this number of melts & the assays would require considerably over 30.000

tons of ore assayed in duplicate and in some cases in triplicate. This is for Coin alone. The receipt of silver bullion through purchases and deposits were also in excess of that of any previous year. About 17,000 assays were made on account of silver bullion deposited and purchases: 1200 assays were made on account of Trade dollars returned, and melted. The receipt of gold deposits did not quite equal in number those of the previous year, because we had less Coinage of gold than formerly. The total number of assays of gold deposits amounts therefore to something over 18000. This foots up an aggregate of 45000 assays in silver and 18000 in gold or a grand total of 66000 assays. and he adds. "It may be worth while to re-

" peat just here what was said of a previous
" years work. ' It is believed that a like
" amount of equally critical and accurate
" work has seldom, if ever, been performed
" in the same time with so small a force."

The Cashier furnishes a tabulated statement of the minor-Coin orders for the fiscal year, ending June 30th 1887. It is made up by months and aggregates 988.300. He says the record includes only 10 months of the fiscal year, which is explained by the suspension of minor Coinage from September 21. 1885 until September 25. 1886; that the Comparatively large demand during September 1886, is only apparent since it was augmented by orders which began to reach the Cashier so early as August 8th prior, and were duly registered, but

shipments did not commence until the fourteenth September; that all shipments made prior to the resumption of mint Coinage were reissued. He observes that the demand was steadily accumulative from August up to the end of December 1886; it was lowest in February 1887 recovered in March and was slack in April, which is a tolerable constant feature of the demand for such Coins year by year at that season, and that the increased demand in May and June is usual. By a second communication he states furthermore adds his news of the importance and value of the new steam plant during the Current Calendar year. He says that not only has it measurably added to the working capacity, but may be said to have furnished the solution of the difficult problem of space

in which to carry on the operations of the annually increasing business; that the business of the Cashier's Department has been transacted under difficulties for the last 15 years; or, since operations commenced under the Coinage act of 1873; that the working space allotted to the Cashier in office room does not exceed 100 square feet, while the transactions often require trucks covering at least one half of this shallow space; that the working vault connected with his office, is small difficult of access and for years it has been the only available storage for the considerable quantity of gold coin held in stock; that its crowded condition has proved a source of embarrassment. He speaks of these disabilities and says it must probably be borne some years yet to come unless Congress shall authorize the Construction

of a series of improved vaults in the space lately devoted to the steam plant, where that place utilized the vault room would perhaps be as capacious and as conveniently arranged as that of any Mint in the World. He comments upon the very considerable advantage resulting in handling gold by abrasion, he says that to verify a million in gold requires no less than 8 handlings, and gives some idea of the useless waste incurred annually for lack of storage facilities at settlements; & that in 1881 at the annual settlements some millions in gold coin were handled, much of it having been weighed naked in the pan - a yet more abrading process —— the absolute loss to the Treasury on that coin must have been nearly 1000 dollars; describes the situation

of the storage vaults and their surroundings, the character of the material with which they are enclosed; that there is but one secure vault in the basement, that another has a single boiler-iron door hung on strap hinges, and locked by a padlock and is now being filled from the overflow from the Coiner's daily deliveries; that when filled it will contain at least 5 millions of standard silver dollars. He furnishes a tabular statement of the vaults location, value, the treasure stored, its weight in pounds and weight in net tons; that in the Post Office we have 640 tons of dollars, that in the other vaults in the building we have but 550 odd tons and urges strongly to be provided with better accommodations for storage vaults.

He Melter & Refiner reports that during

the same fiscal year that that department had operated upon a far larger quantity of bullion than in any previous year in the history of this Mint, and the output greatly exceeded the relative capacity of the plant as originally designed. The total amount of bullion in his hands for the various operations might be thus tabulated:-

		lb annidyp.
Gold	409.536.77 oz; equalling	28.082
Silver	44.241.820.63 " "	3.033.725
Refinery	680.712.19 " "	46.677
	Total	3.108.484 lb
	Or,	1554 1/4 tons

As this bullion is handled more than 16 times in the Melting & Refining process and preparation for Coinage & the manufacture of fine bars, the total weight handled will be more than 25000 tons.

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Of the above 1554 ¼ tons of bullion there were made into silver ingots of proper fineness and delivered to the Superintendent 1515 tons for Coinage into Dollars. the balance 39 ¼ tons of bullion being operated upon in the Refinery, parted into fine bars & held for Coinage and that the total number of silver melts of standard silver was 14146 — averaging 300 ounces to each melt, i.e. over 5 tons of silver converted into standard ingots for every working day in the year

The Coiner presents a review of the operations of his Department during the fiscal year. He says the amount of gold silver and minor Coin metal received during the year was as follows:-

Gold	13,574.917 ounces,	Making a total 1.663 ¾ tons
Silver	42.924,485.84 "	
Minor Coins Metal	5 588.897.30 "	

The total Coinage amounted in value to 23,277,600.80 of which $23,279 was gold $22,300,671.15 was silver, and $943,650.65 were minor Coins.

The number of pieces struck was as follows: Gold 8.270, Silver 31.357.162, Minor 50,166,509. The total number of pieces was 81,532,391, an average production of about 6,794,366 pieces per month.

The output of silver and minor Coins was in excess of the previous year by 9.125.667 pieces in silver of the value of $1,653,389.40 and 48,459,888 pieces of the value of $926,273.- in minor Coins. The total value of the Coinage being less than last year, because of the falling

off in the gold Coinage. During the year 649 medals were struck and delivered to the medal department, of the following description; viz: Gold 56, Silver 436, Copper bronze 137, total 649

The Machinery in the rolling room was engaged after the regular time quite frequently to supply the Congressional silver quota desired, while in the Coining room the urgent demand for minor coins in addition to the Standard dollar and dime Coinage, require the constant operation of all the presses, during the usual hours. The Seyss automatic Weighing & sorting Machines stationed in the A room, Contributed valuable assistance in facilitating the work. A very substantial and important improvement was made by adding another story to the adjoining department,

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which provides a room for the accommodation of the ladies as a lunch and robing room. That with a desire to improve the ventilation and better the condition of the employees a plan was arranged which has been successfully executed whereby the overcrowded condition of the room was diminished and facilities for work increased. The space in the Adjusting room formerly occupied by wardrobes has been utilized by placing two extra tables with 142 additional scales, thereby increasing the latter to 142. The Adjusting Room proper is now free of former obstructions and is a light and cheerful place suitable for the delicate manipulation of the coin. The new room was formally occupied on the first of last February; is 40 x 53 feet, well lighted and ventilated by 13 windows and is approached from the

lower floor by a broad and convenient stairway 5 feet in width. This addition supplies the necessary space for the ladies' closets, 148 wardrobes with pantry closets are placed in the North portion; seven stationary marble washstands ranged along the West side of the room with a mirror over the latter, a large Cooking range which ensures accommodations for preparing and heating lunch and 16 large dining tables supply the conveniences of the ladies. Formerly owing to the limited condition of these accommodations many of the ladies of necessity had to resort to temporary places wherever they could find them such as boxes, window sills, &c for space to place their dishes at time of luncheon.

Necessary repairs were made at the

close of the fiscal year to the machinery and the annealing furnaces were overhauled and rebuilt and a thorough and careful revision made of the accts of the department. The Coiner Concludes with adding that great improvements could doubtless be made in the operations in the rolling room by substituting rolls of improved modern invention instead of the antiquated machinery now in use whereby better results might be accomplished.

In addition to these several reports I have also to submit from the bookkeeper a condensed summary of the operations of the Mint in Gold, Silver, Bullion, and Minor Coinage metal during the same fiscal year, showing the amount of Bullion on hands of all kinds at the opening of the year, the amount received during the year

how the same was disposed of and the balance on hand at the close of the year, used by each officer held at that time, being a complete summary statement of the metals received and manipulated. This statement has been carefully checked by the book-keeper and you may rely upon its accuracy.

By reference to the several reports, with the statement of the Book keeper greater details will appear.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very respectfully

A. L. Cox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

With Enclosures

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(Copy)

Melting and Refining Department
Philadelphia, Sept 28th 87

Sir:

The Melter & Refiner, during the Fiscal year ended June 30. 1887, operated upon a far larger quantity of bullion, than in any previous year in the history of this Mint; and the output greatly exceeds the limit of capacity of the plant as originally designed. The total amounts of bullion, in the hands of the Melter and Refiner for his various operations, may be thus tabulated

Gold — 409.536.77 ozs fine = 28.082 lbs avdp.

Silver 44.241.820.63 " = 3.038.725 " "

Refinery 680.712.19 " = 46.677 " "

Total — 3.108.484 " = 1554 1/4 Tons.

as this bullion is handled more than 16 times in the M & R's processes of preparation for Coinage, or the manufacture of fine bars, the total weight handled will be more than 25.000 tons.

Of the above 1554¼ tons of bullion there were made into Silver ingots of proper fineness, and delivered to the Superintendent 1515 tons, for coinage into dollars; the balance 39¼ tons of bullion, being operated upon in the refinery; converted into fine bars; or held for coinage.

The total number of Silver melts of Standard Silver was 14.146 averaging 3300 ozs to each melt; that is over 5 tons of Silver converted into Standard ingots for every working day in the year.

Hon. D. M. Fox.
Superintendent.

Very respectfully
N. B. Boyd.
A. M. & R.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Coiner's Department
September 26th 1887

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent
Sir;

I have the honor to present herewith a review of the Operations of the Department during the Fiscal year ending June 30th 1887.

The amount of Gold, Silver and Minor Coin metal received during the year was as follows, to wit; Gold 13.574.$\frac{217}{}$ ozs. Silver 42.924.485.$\frac{84}{}$ ozs. and Minor-Coin Metal 5.688.897.$\frac{30}{}$ ozs.- a total weight of 1.663.3/4 tons.

The total Coinage amounted to $23.277.600.$\frac{00}{}$ of which $33.279.$\frac{00}{}$ was Gold, $22.300.671.$\frac{15}{}$ Silver and $948.650.$\frac{65}{}$ Minor Coins.

The number of pieces struck were as follows- Gold 8.720. Silver 31.357.162 and Minor 50.166.509

a total number of pieces of 81.582.391.,- an average production of about 6.794.366 pieces p. month.

The output of Silver and Minor Coins was in excess of the previous year by 9.125.667 pieces in Silver of the value of ℔ 1.655.389.40, and 48.459.858 pieces of the value of ℔ 926.273.- in Minor Coin,- the total value of the Coinage being less than last year because of the falling off in the Gold Coinage.

During the year 649 Medals were struck and delivered to the Medal department of the following description, viz; Gold 56. Silver 436. and Copper-bronze 157,- total 649 Medals.

In producing the large number of pieces, as shown by the Statement already made, the department has been fully employed, The machinery in the rolling room was engaged after the regular time to supply the Congressional Silver quota

desired, while in the Coining room the urgent demand for Minor Coins in addition to the Standard dollar and Dime coinage, required the constant operation of all the presses during the usual hours, the Key's Weighing machines stationed in this room contributing valuable assistance in facilitating the work.

A very substantial and important improvement has been made by adding another story to the Adjusting department, which provides a room for the accommodation of the Ladies as a lunch and robing room.

Soon after your attention was directed to the many inconveniences existing in the adjusting room, with a desire to improve the ventilation and better the condition of the employees, you arranged a plan, which has been successfully executed, whereby the overcrowded condition of

the room was diminished, and the facilities for the work increased.

The space in the Adjusting room formerly occupied by the wardrobes has been utilized by placing two extra tables with 42 additional scales, thereby increasing the latter to 142.

The Adjusting room proper is now free from all former obstructions, and is a bright and cheerful place suited for the delicate manipulation of the Coin.

The new room was formally occupied February 1st. last, is 40×53 feet, well lighted and ventilated by 13 windows and is approached from the lower floor by a broad and convenient Stairway 5 ft in width. This addition supplies the necessary space for the ladies closets &c, 148 Wardrobes with pantry closets in addition are placed in the north portion, Seven Stationary marble wash

stands are ranged along the west side of the room, with a mirror over the latter, A large cooking range insures accommodations for preparing a hot lunch, Sixteen large dining tables are supplied for the convenience of the ladies, while formerly owing to the limited condition of the accommodations, many of them of necessity had to resort to temporary places, wherever they could find them, such as boards, window sills &c, for for space to place their dishes at time of luncheon.

At the close of the fiscal year necessary repairs were made to the Machinery, the annealing furnaces overhauled and re-built and thorough and careful review made of the needs of the department.

Great improvement could doubtless be made in the operations in the Rolling room by substituting rolls of improved modern

invention instead of the antiquated machinery now in use, whereby better results might be accomplished.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant
W. S. Steel
Comer,

Assay Department

September 22 1887

Sir,-

I enclose a short statement of the operations in the Assay department for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1887.

Very Respectfully
Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Hon. Daniel M. Fox.
Superintendent.

(Copy)

Assay Department

While the work of the Assay Department, as detailed in the last report was regarded as extraordinary and excessive, the record of the year just closed exceeds it by 4000 Assays - the total being 66000, as against 62000 in the previous year. Beginning with the Silver account, we had 14.146 Melts of Ingots made for Coinage. This number of Melts would require considerably over 30000 Assays, as all are assayed in duplicate — and in many cases in triplicate for additional confirmation. This, of course, is for coin alone. The receipt of Silver bullion through purchase and deposit, was in excess of that of any previous year. As all this must be assayed in settlement with the Seller or depositor of the bullion as well as to enable the Melter & Refiner to calculate the necessary amount of

Copper or Silver to standardize his melts, about 17000 Assays were thus made on account of Silver bullion deposited and purchased.

About 1200 Assays were also made on account of Trade dollars returned and melted.

The receipt of Gold deposits did not quite equal in number those of the previous year.

These are all assayed for Silver as well as for Gold. - duplicate and in the majority of cases, triplicate assays being made.

The total number of assays of Gold deposits therefore amounted to something over 18000.

This foots up an aggregate of over 48000 Assays in Silver and 18000 in Gold, or a grand total of 66000 Assays.

It may be worth while to repeat just here, what was said of the previous year's work:

It is believed that a like amount of equally critical and accurate work, has seldom, if ever been performed in the same time with so small a force.

Copy

Sept. 22. 7

Sir;

In compliance with your request I have the honor to submit a tabulated statement of Minor Coin orders received and filled during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887. It will be seen that the record includes only ten months of the fiscal year, which is explained by the suspension of Minor Coinage from Sept. 21st 1885 until Dec 21

The comparatively large demand during September 1886 is only apparent, since it was augmented by orders which began to reach the Cashier as early as Aug 8. prior, and were duly registered, but shipments did not commence until the 14th of September. All shipments made prior to the resumption of Minor Coinage were of Re-issue.

It will further be seen that the demand was

steadily cumulative from August up to the end of December 1886. It was lowest in February, 1887, reconed in March, and was slack in April. which is a tolerably constant feature of the demand for such coins, year by year, at that season. The increased demand in May and June is usual.

I have given rounded numbers in this table, the exact figures appearing elsewhere in the Director's report. The object, as I understand, is to show, approximately, the movement of coin used in small exchanges.

Very Respectfully.
M. A. Cobb.

Hon. Dan'l. M. Fox.
Superintendent

September 22 7

Minor Coin orders for Fiscal year ending June 30th 1887.

1886	1 Cent	5 Cent	Total
September	$ 51.000	$ 92.200	$ 143.200
October	63.400	75.500	138.900
November	68.400	71.700	140.100
December	68.400	71.800	140.200
1887			
January	16.600	29.100	45.700
February	10.600	18.300	28.900
March	34.000	39.600	73.600
April	28.200	29.700	57.900
May	39.700	51.400	91.100
June	40.800	88.000	128.800
Totals	$ 421.100	$ 567.200	$ 988.300

Letter

Oct 7 87

Sir,

In compliance with your request for such facts and suggestions touching the Mint, its business its facilities and improvements as may occur to me in discharge of the duties of this Department, I beg to submit the following, which is not intended to be exhaustive.

The fine improvements of the Plant during the current Calendar Year have not only materially added to the working capacity by facilitating the transaction of business in the operative departments but may be said to have furnished a solution of the difficult problem of space in which to carry on the operations of an annually increasing business.

The business of this Department has

been transacted under difficulties for the
last fifteen years or since operations com-
menced under the Coinage Act of 1873.
The working space allotted the Cashier does
not exceed one hundred square feet, while the
transactions often require tracks covering at
least one half of this narrow space. The working
vault is small and difficult of access and for
years it has been the only available storage
vault for the considerable quantity of gold
coin held in stock. As it is, the only vault on
the first floor available for working purposes
and as it has been necessary to store from two
to ten millions of gold coin therein for several
years, its crowded condition has proved a
source of embarrassment. As it is not deemed
advisable to have more than one working vault,
unless free access to both can be had from the
Cashiers Room.

this disability has been borne, and must probably be borne, for some years to come, unless Congress shall authorize the construction of a series of improved vaults in the space lately devoted to the Steam Plant. Were that space utilized, the vault room of this Mint would perhaps be as capacious and as conveniently arranged as that of any Mint in the world. It would enable the authorities to convert many millions value now in bars, and insufficiently stored, into gold coin, by furnishing perfectly secure storage.

But what is of much more consequence, it would avoid the considerable loss which results to handling gold in bulk at the annual settlement. Once weighed, and sealed up in Compartments, it would not be necessary to disturb it save to transfer it to the Treasury when wanted. By Experiment

with a bag of five thousand dollars it has been approximately shown that the loss by abrasion in handling a million in coined gold is five dollars for each handling; and this when the utmost care is exercised. This loss, I may say, is absolute. When it is said that to verify a million in gold, requires no less than eight handlings, some idea of the useless waste incurred annually, for lack of storage facilities, can be gained. In 1881 at the annual settlement, some millions in gold coin was handled eight times in this department, much of it having been weighed naked in the pan — a yet more abrading process. Whenever this was done there were ten handlings and the absolute loss of treasure on that occasion must have been nearly a thousand dollars.

You are aware that, now and for many

yrare fact, the Storage Vaults of this Mint have, and have had, unfavorable surroundings.

Every store vault in this department is in full view of Water-Closets, and some of them are flanked by the Closets of the Employés. In short, there is no such thing as isolation as regards these Vaults. I doubt if it is good policy to maintain such surroundings, even with the most secure doors and locks, where great treasure is stored. But the fact that there is but one secure vault in the basement, lends additional force to the suggestion. One of the most exposed and at the same time most capacious of the storage vaults in my charge has a single border-iron door, hung on strap hinges, and locked by padlock. This vault is now being filled with the overflow from the Coiners daily delivery.

When filled it will contain at least

five millions of standard Silver Dollars.

It may be said that there can be no danger where a guard is maintained, but it is the unexpected that happens. Attention has been called to this serious defect in Vaults, many times, but nothing has been done to remedy it, nor can aught be done without a considerable outlay, as yet unauthorized. The utilization of the space lately occupied by the Steam plant would furnish a complete remedy, but if that be denied, vestibules of the modern improved construction and material, will render the Storage Vaults reasonably secure.

At the last annual settlement Mr R. E. Preston, representing the Director of the Mint carefully verified by weight the contents of the vaults, a work that involved the handling of twelve and a half

millions of Standard Silver dollars four times.

We had the kindness to order this vast bulk packed in two vaults, which are locked and sealed, and need not be disturbed again until ordered into the Treasury. This will greatly reduce the labors of the Committee on Count, next Year, and also save the employees a very trying ordeal. Below will be found a tabular statement of the contents of the principal Storage Vaults, both at the Post Office and at this Mint.

Vaults and Location	Value	Av. wt. of 412½ grs.	Net Gain
Post Office	$21.750.000	1.280.696.	640.34+
Mint Basement No 4	739.000	43.548.	21.77+
" " 5	8.310.000	489.696.	244.85
" " 6	2.500.000	147.321	73.66
" " 7	4.240.000	249.771	124.88+
Total	$37.539.000	2.211.032	1105.51

Of course fractions have been ignored in the foregoing calculations, but the table gives the substantially correct situation. Vault No. 6 is filling up rapidly. The storage capacity of the Mint must probably be exhausted in three months at present rate of overflow. It has been found impracticable to add to the weight now stored in the vaults of the new Post Office, the aggregate being upwards of six hundred and forty tons, net. The Mint vaults are being packed solidly and without reference to counting the bags.

Very Respectfully
W. H. Gotts

Hon Daniel N. Fox
Superintendent

Oct 8th

Sir,

Referring to your letter of Oct 6th stating that requisition had been made upon the Printer for two Books of "Superintendents daily account of Gold & Silver Bullion" requested in my letter of the 5th inst, permit me to urge the necessity there is, that these books should be had with the least possible delay, as they will be required within a few weeks in the Book Keepers Department, as will also the book of "Silver Bullion Purchases" for which requisition was made on the same date. If these books cannot be furnished within a week by the Department, will you be kind enough to authorize me to have them made in this City.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

SRb

(80—3.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 10th 1887.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No 6534 favor Handy & Harman for $14550.33

" 6535 " Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. " $71911.66

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

W. H. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[ED. 7-26-85. 1000]

SRb

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Oct 10th 1887

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Treasurer of the Mint from South Nall Bank New York per letter of advice, dated Oct 7th 1887

Fineness Weight,	ozs.	74.645.85
Gross Weight,	ozs.	74.519.86
Value @ 0.9650 per oz. fine, $		71.911.66

[signature]

Superintendent

Sir:

Oct 10th 97

Sir,

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor for the sum of Ten thousand Dollars ($10.000) to aid in meeting the expenses of the Mint for the current month. Payable from the Appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Dollars.

Very Respectfully,

R. M. Ford

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

Stelo

Oct 10th 7

Sir;

In reply to your letter of 27th ult. referring to my statements of Nov. 16th and Dec. 10th 1886. Showing the amount of old copper cents, old Nickel cents, and Bronze 1¢ & 2¢ pieces melted at this Mint from its organization, and asking me to amend the same so as to bring them down to the close of the last Fiscal year, and desiring me to include in the same the amount of Nickel 3¢ & 5¢ pieces melted, I submit below the following statement.

Old Copper Cents	$372.741.70
Old Nickel "	735.616.30
Bronze 1¢ piece	24.517.11
" 2¢ "	292.128.08
Nickel 3¢ "	175.541.44
" 5¢ "	61.934.00
Total	$1662.478 63

As stated in my letter of Nov. 16th 1886. the records of the Mint prior to the year 1857. and thereabouts are not sufficiently definite for obtaining satisfactory data, but I believe the figures quoted are a close approximation to the facts.

Trusting that the statement will prove satisfactory,

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

Phila October 7

Sir,

In reply to your letters of the 9th and 29th ultº., I beg to say that so far as the operative and Clerical departments of this Mint are enabled to judge of the future needs from the work of the past few months, it does not appear that any "blank books", will be required before the 1st January next

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

10 October 7

Sir

We need 7000 copies of the enclosed blank form of Report of Time made and material used in manufacturing articles in the Mint for mint use, and I desire authority to have them printed here it being our only mode of procuring them

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon Samuel P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

October 10th 7

Sir.

The Melter and Refiner and the Coiner are so cramped for room to se= curely store the precious metals in their official charge, that the former is sometimes obliged to retain truck loads of ingots, overnight as well as in the daytime, in his own office, which is very far from being as secure as a vault. The Coiner is also at times obliged to use his own office for the storage of ingots and blanks,— a risk and responsibility that ought not to be devolved upon either of those officers.

In endeavoring to make some pro= vision for their relief, I discover that there is on the west side of the Mint building, in

the basement, a small vault room 7 feet wide by 19 ft 6 inches long, of stone, the ceiling of which is a massive brick arch, which is now used by the Assayer as a place to make the bone ash cupels for the Assay Department. The Assayer informs me that he can have the cupels made in another part of his department, and can let me have the vaulted room just described, for the storage of bullion, and the overflow of coinage.

To convert that room into a burglar-proof vault for the purpose indicated, would merely require a double iron or steel door, with the requisite safety locks thereto attached. The cost of the doors and locks I am not able to say with accuracy, tho I suppose it would probably be about five or seven hundred dollars, but the additional accom-

mendation to the Cashier and the operative officers I have named will be so great that I report the facts which in a general way you are already familiar with, and would respectfully ask your authority to make the proposed expenditure, with the least practicable delay.

Very respectfully
D. M. Fox
Supt

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 10th

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2.617.792 ozs

Jas. P. Kimball

Ex 15

Oct 10th 6

Sir;

I have the honor to forward you by the Cap.t Mail my Ordinary - Old Silver Drawback - Refinery - Old Silver Dore Storage & Rent of Steam Power Mint. upon account for the 2nd & of September 1796 - together with the Monies mentioned in the Warrants. Also Weekly Summary.

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Ob.t Serv.t

Tench Coxe Esq.r

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

96.

11. October 1

Sir;

On the receipt of this, you will please consider yourself suspended from duty till further ord-rs

Respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent

Mr Archibald L. Vandegrift

Engineer

(No. 1)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 11th 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No. 6536 favor South Nat'l Bank N.Y. for $49.005.13

" 6537 " " " $11.058.58

" 6538 " Sandy Hannan. " $14.176.05

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

(Rev. 3-28-85. 31000)

Oct 11th 1867

Boston Clearing House

Oct 5th 1867

50.717.00

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Oct. 11th 7.

Sir;

As requested in your letter of the 10th inst. I enclose herewith the reports found in this Mint from the branch Mint at Dahlonega, showing the Coinage executed in that Institution during the years. 1858. 1859. 1860. 1861, and from which the figures reported in my letter of July 11th last were taken. I know of no other data; if I did, I would cheefully furnish it.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

Oct 11th 7

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made Official.

"Better accept proposition for Fifty thousand (50000) unmilled blanks. Demand is great and importunate. No blanks on hand. Checks for Nickels unfilled exclusive of today's mail, aggregate Seventy five thousand and three hundred ($75.300) Dollars. If authority is given will advertise at once for One hundred thousand pounds (100 000) Nickel milled and ready for stamping. Wire answer."

Very Respectfully
A. M. Clapp
Supt.

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

10: Octs: 7

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:-

"We are entirely out of nickel blanks. The readvertizing will cause some delay at least two weeks further postponement in our deliveries"

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

10: October 7

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:-

"The Experiments are yet going on Mr. James has not yet reported

Very respectfully

Your Ob't Ser't

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11: October 7

Sir;

I have the hono to state that Robert Lynch recently appointed Cutter, in the Coiners Department of this Mint, has declined the appointment

Very respectfully
David W. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11: October 7

Sir;

In compliance with your telegraphic instructions of this date I herewith enclose a form of advertisement for proposals to supply this Mint with fifty thousand pounds of cleaned and milled five-cent copper nickel blanks

Very respectfully
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

11 October 1797

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of William Smith recently appointed Cutter in this district

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11 October 7

Information having been received by the Superintendent that in many cases inattention has been given to the hours of labor prescribed by the Rules and Regulations governing the United States Mint, notice is hereby given that from and after this date, all the employes will be expected to perform duty during the whole of the time prescribed by law, namely 8 hours, and ~~that each~~ one violating this rule will be reported for neglect of duty.

By order of the Superintendent

Mint of the United States at

Oct 17th 1887.

I draw this day check—

No 6529, favor Handy Harman ... $ 12.155.

6540, " H. Seligman & Co ... " 36.5

6541, " Kissiage, Seligman & Co. ... " 14.216.92

" " ... "

" " ... "

" " ...

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully.

A. M. Heap

Superintendent

Asst Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Rev. 10-25 1000]

P 29

Refer to
Dr. Booth -
M. & R.

Wm Boyd -
Asst - M & R.

12 : October 7

Sir;

With regard to the statements of the Refining operations (form 95) desired by your letter of 3rd ulto. I will say that it was promptly delivered to Dr Booth, Melter & Refiner with the request that it be attended to, but his protracted sickness and inability to attend to the ordinary functions of his office is the plea given me for its delay". Upon the receipt of your telegram of 10th inst., reiterating your desire to have the statement at once forwarded, I called the attention of the (Dr.) Assistant Melter & Refiner immediately to the subject.

To day he handed me his letter

saying that with it he presents the statements showing the operations of the Refinery of this Mint by monthly details for the last three quarters of the fiscal year - ending June 30. 1887 - excepting the reports for the months of May & June which were not included for the reason that the deposits and parted bullion of these months were not sent by the Melter and Refiner to the Refinery until the close of the fiscal year.

The statements as far as they have been furnished me are herewith enclosed

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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Oct 12 7

Sir,

I herewith transmit C/D of this date no 6932 from the Assistant Treasurer of the City for $39.80. on account of old material sold. Sales enclose an account current of the same—

Very Respectfully.

Superintendent

Hon J. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

12: Oct 7

Sir:

Geage B. Newton and Co advise me that they will furnish Highland broken coal carefully hand-picked and screened for the melting furnaces during the remainder of the current fiscal year at the rate of $5 75/100 only per ton which is an advance of 25¢ over the contract price of last year and of their proposal for this year. As the price of coal is rapidly going up, I think it would be sound policy to accept their offer and with your approval, I propose to award them the contract accordingly. They are the only parties who furnish that particular coal and as it has proved entirely satisfactory and given the Melter & Refiner no trouble

or anxiety, I think we ought to continue its use.

William Bryant proposed to furnish a so-called Council-Ridge coal at $5 per ton, before the recent advance, but as he has none on hand and had not yet been able to fill an order for a couple of tons for trial, it seems to me it is inexpedient to lose any more time in the hope of trying experiments that probably would not prove satisfactory when made

Very respectfully

Daniel M. Fox

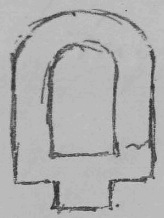
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12: October 7

Sir;

Mr Steel, Coiner, has just appised me that a crack of about one inch in length running the entire width (8½ inches) has been discovered in the arch of Coining press No 8 as shown in this diagram



and after a personal examination in company with Mr Hall, Mr Downing, and Mr James it is pronounced unsafe for long continuance as the strain (80 tons on each dollar Coined) may even-

fracture in penetrating the entire arch and causing a disablement of the press itself. Our united opinion is that it must eventuate in our rebuilding the arch of the press and the gentlemen with me who know more about it say to supply its substitute will take fully 6 weeks and perhaps cost possibly 6 or 700 dollars.

I have been informed that my predecessor, of course with the approval of the then Director, sent a very substantial and good press, of equal size and power to the New Orleans Exposition, and that this press has not been returned to this Mint. It will prevent any mishap in the production of Standard dollars if we have it at a very early moment.

Pardon me, if I suggest that its deli-

very can be accelerated by telegram, if it be there, so as to ensure its immediate return

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Dall

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 13th, 1857.

Sir,

I draw this day sight—

No. 6542, favor South Kail Bank N.Y. for $23.285.23/

6543 " Handy Harman " $34.317.54/

" "

" "

" "

" "

In payment for Silver Dollars

I am, very respectfully

[illegible]

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

[Rev. 7-28-55. 1000]

Oct 13th 7

Handy & Harman

New York

Oct 7th 7

50.301.75

50.252.43

0.9650 48.493.59

% Penna Leaf Co.

Oct 13th

Fourth National Bank

New York

Oct 5th

20 021.21

20.005.58

0.9675 19.355.40

Oct 13 7

Sir,

In reply to your inquiry of the 11th inst as to why there should be so great a loss on Shipment No. 22 October 4th from the Charlotte Assay Office, our Assayer, Mr Eckfeldt, explains that when the Bullion was received, and assayed, he noticed a discrepancy in the values between the two Institutions. The assays were then all reweighed and a calculation made, with the same results. Upon the receipt, yesterday, of your letter of the 11th inst. the Assayer had new cuttings taken from the inside and promptly assayed. The result has been a slight increase in fineness sufficient to account for the difference in

in the value of the gold. The Silver value is identical with the previous assays. The Assayer reports that he can account for the discrepancy — which amounted to a very few tenths of a thousandth, in the final process — by reason of different impurities (oxide &c) on the surface of the Bars, to make the difference.

Very Respectfully

W. L. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon J. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 13th

2.644.305.77

value $

value $

Chas. P. Kimball

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 14th, 1887.

Sir.

I draw this day check

No. 6544, favor Handy & Harman. for $39.441.73

" 6545 J. W. Seligman & Co. " $12.093.26

" 6546 Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. " $9.289.09

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

Sold

Oct 14th 1887

J. W. Seligman & Co.

New York

Oct 7th 1887

50.445.40

50.367.79

49.650 4.92

0.9650

Assistant Treasurer

S.R.L.

Oct 14th 7

Sir;

Enclosed please find Tabulated Statement of Expenditures at this Mint from appropriations, corrected to agree with Statements Nos. 1 and 2 received with your letter of 12th inst, which amendment reduces the expenditures by the amounts credited to the appropriations of this Mint, for re-payment of Dies manufactured.

I direct your attention to the fact, that the cost of steel returned by the other Mints is $91.39, while the total cost of steel for the fiscal year is but $82.60, leaving a difference of $8.79 to be deducted from some other item, and for the want of any suitable place to charge it, I have taken it from "Sundries". I do not see how else to adjust the difference.

This excess returned for Steel, belongs to the purchases of the prior Fiscal year. I notice that you have ruled out the expenses of distributing Coins; I omit that item from the statement.

Very Respectfully.

Dahl W. Pr

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

Oct 14th 7

Sir:

In answer to your letter of 12th inst requesting me to furnish you with a Statement showing the amount of Standard Dollars shipped during the Quarter ended 30th ult, and the amount paid thereon for transportation during the same period. I beg to submit the following.

	Dollars	Fractional	Cost of Transportation
July	# 191.498.00	.20	328.24
Aug	245.996.00	1.15	277.46
Sept	300.491.00	2.95	288.08
Total	# 737.985.00	# 4.30	# 893.78

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Oct 14 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 13th inst. authorizing a contract to be made for melting Coal for the remainder of the Fiscal Year at $5.50 per Ton, seems to be based upon a misapprehension of my letter to which it is a reply. Let me explain that, at the beginning of the year, proposals were received for melting coal, but no action was taken upon them at the time. The Mint was not in operation in July, and no coal was therefore needed. In August I was absent from town, on my vacation, during which time the new Steam Plant, was put in operation which caused many vexious hindrances in the work, and with the heavy pressure

upon the Mint for coinage, it was no time to experiment with new, and untried supplies. Melting Coal was therefore procured from George B. Newton & Company, at the same rate as under their old contract $5.50 per Ton. After affairs were somewhat settled, I issued an order on William Bryant for two Tons of allegd "Connel Creek Coal" which he had proposed to furnish at $5.15 per Ton. On account of the Strike in the Coal Regions, he was not able to procure, or furnish it, and can not do so now. I have therefore been obliged to order the coal from Newton & Company, but under the rapid advance of the price in coal, which will probably go still higher, they decline to furnish, or contract for it at the old rate of $5.50 but are willing to make a contract at $5.75, which is

25¢ less than the increase in the Market-rates. As the general demand for coal is very great, and there is no telling to what figures the prices may go, I thought it would be good policy, for the protection of the public interest, and at the same time to procure the quality of coal that is indispensable in our work, to close with him (if he will) without further delay, and make a contract with him for the remainder of the Fiscal Year at $5.75 I have your approval of this proposition that I desired, and now submit for your consideration. Please favor me with a reply at your earliest convenience.

The proposed arrangment is the very best that I can make under the circum-stances.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Supt. Mines

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington

Oct 15th 1897.

To

I owe this day check

No 6547 for Handy Hannan. $ 62.397.96

in payment for Order No 11.

I am very respectfully

Chas. Talbot

Chief Engineer & E.

Water Bureau

SKb

Oct 15th 7

Handy Harman

New York

Oct 7th 7

5.381.05

5.248.77

2.615.06

0.9650

W. H. Fox

Sept

Oct 15th 7

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 14th inst, also the Statements of Coinage &c. of the Dahlonega Mint forwarded to your office on the 11th inst. I regret to have to state, that I have not the reports covering the first six months of the Calendar years 1858. 1860, so far as can be ascertained, and that is the reason why I did not send them.

If in the course of classification of the old books and records now going on, any further data of the kind shall be found, I will transmit the same to you without delay.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

Oct 15th 7

Sir;

Please allow the bearer L. R. Cowperthwaite my Bookkeeper, to examine such records in your custody as belong to the Mint.

Very Respectfully,

Henry W. Crozier.
Supt.

Mint Department,
Phila. P. O.

S.R.L.

Oct. 15th 7

Sir;

As directed in your letter of 14th inst. I have deposited today the balance of Silver Profits due U.S. June 30. 1887, as shown by my Bullion Accounts, said balances being due from,

Silver Profit Fund	$353.49
Subsidiary Silver Profit Fund.	360.50
Total	$713.99

the certificates for which will be forwarded by current mail. These sums were withheld in order to meet bills for expenses for transportation known to be due from those funds, which bills were paid on the 15th July, and the balances were deposited on that day.

These bills could not be obtained any sooner

I must correct your impression however, that the "exact balance called for by your (my) accounts at the close of the Fiscal year, has always been deposited at that time. It has never been done, and is not possible, without straining the truthfulness of my accounts as to dates, especially so as the wastages are rarely determined within two weeks succeeding the close of the Fiscal year.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 15 7

Sir,

Respectfully referring to your letters of the 30th September ult. and the 4th October inst. advising me of the suspension of my account for ordinary expenses, and my Standard Silver Dollar account, both for the quarter ending June 30. 1887, I herewith enclose the required certificates, to cover all the suspended items.

Very Respectfully
L. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon W. J. Durham
First Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

15 Oct. 7

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificates of Deposit No. 69324 and 69329 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for respectively $360.00 and $3.24 deposited on account of respectively, profits on Coinage of Subsidiary coin and profits on Coinage of Silver dollars both for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1887

Very respectfully

L. M. Haskell

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

15. Oct. 7

Sir,

We have about £9000 lbs of one Cent blanks on hand. The Coinage at present approaches 1500 lbs a Day. Our stock will probably last, say, 3 weeks. We daily demand for one Cent pieces amounts to 2500 dollars, & there are due Correspondents in one cent pieces, $45.000.

I therefore endose for your consideration a form of advertisement for 1500 lbs of one cent blanks which it is evident will be needed

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm. Kinsley
Superintendent

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

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(No. 1.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 17th 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No 6548, favor Nesbage, Ledgate & Co. for $13.147.87

" 6549, " Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. " $11.123.19

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York.

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

Oct 17th 7

Message, Ledgate &c.

New York

Oct 7th 7

25.223.75

25.186.47

24.304.94

0.4650

SRL

Oct 17th 87

Sir;

Referring to your letter of 11th inst. requesting a Statement of the amount of old copper 1/2 cents received and melted at this Mint to June 30, 1887, I have to state, that I have referred to the old Ledgers to obtain the data you desire, but find that in every instance the entries specify them as "old Copper Coins", and for this reason I cannot separate the one cent from the 1/2 cent pieces

In the examination and classification of the old books and records of this Mint, which is now progressing at the Post Office, I thought that I might be able to find some statistics among them which would throw light upon this subject; as well as in relation to the

Dahlonega Mint. This morning my Bookkeeper spent several hours in going over them with a view to obtain if possible, the information requested, but without success.

I have left directions with the persons having charge of the classification, to be vigilant in endeavoring to find any records that relate to the above subjects, and to advise me.

As soon as any light is obtained in the matter, I will hasten to inform you.

Very Respectfully.

Jas. A. Hoyt

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.

Director of the Mint.

Washington.

D. C.

Oct 17 1

Sir.

In compliance with instructions from the Director of the Mint I have to state for your information that the amount standing on our books to your credit, on account of Minor Coins received, is $60,000.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon Jas U. Hyatt
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

#216

Oct. 17. 7

Sir,

In compliance with your requ of the 13th inst. I herewith enclose a diagram and measurements of the space to be filled by a Burglar Proof Door for an additional vault for the storage of Bullion in this Mint.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon Wm A. Fest
Supervising Architect
Treasury Department
Washington.
D. C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Oct 17th 1887

Sirs: I have the pleasure of forwarding herewith our Check for the Balance of the Mint, from Handy & Harman

New York

for Letter of advice,

dated Oct 12th 1887

50.311.25

50.262.26

Fine Weight 0.9640 per oz. Value $ 48.452.82

Penn'a Salt Co.

N. W. Taylor

Superintendent

Oct 17th 1872

Handy Hannan

New York

Oct 17th 1872

24.809.80

24.772.78

23.880.96

0.9640

17: Oct. 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of 10th. inst. saying that the delay in ordering books from my Mint, outside the regular period is the cause of great strife in the "audit of such bills and of difficulties "arising from urgency of action"; that you "see no remedy for this matter except "to oblige the officers to keep provisional "books when out of the regular ones", "to "be afterwards transcribed without extra "assistance", I would respectfully reply, it is substantially impossible at the regular period of ordering books for the Mint to anticipate the amount of business that may be pressed upon them in the

them future. As it seems now the business is much greater than a year ago. They do the best they can with what limited amount of foresight they possess and at the same time trying to avoid excesses, and therefore when they find themselves in an emergency they cannot apprise me and it is then for me to address the department for the necessary quantity of stationery to meet the necessity.

The remedy you speak of, to wit:- to oblige them to keep provisional books, when out of the regular course, and to have them afterwards transcribed - would be very unfortunate for the business interests of the Mint. All books that we have, ought to, and occasionally must, convey the idea of original entries. I assume, provisional books are not to be regarded as permanent, and after being

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transcribed it would seem that they are not worth retaining. I would be very sorry to have any entries made in any books that would have to be transcribed and then not to be regarded as part of the book keeping system. I try my best to avoid embarrassment and if I fall short, I can but regret it.

In my letter of the 5th inst. from the description of the books desired you will see, that the necessity for them is imperative. The description of them is in that letter contained; and, in my letter of October 9th I urged the necessity for the book entitled "Silver Bullion Purchases", and I do beg that I may either be permitted to get them from the Department or be authorized to have them

manufactured here without the least possible delay

Very respectfully
D. Earl McFox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 17th

Jas. P. Kimball

(88—4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 18th 1887.

Sir

I draw this day check

No. 6550, favor South Hall Bank. N.Y. for $11.703.10

" 6551 " Handy & Harman. " $40.841.06

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

A. Kline

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

(ED. 7-28-85. 3000)

October 17th 87.

Sir.

A number of our correspondents in remitting for Minor coins, refer to a Department circular dated August 1st 1887. I was not aware of the existence of such a circular, and would thank you to furnish me a copy, or a number of copies, if its nature is such as to require it.

Very Respectfully,

Dan'l M. Fox

Supt.

Hon James F. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Oct 18 7

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 17th inst, I herewith transmit a statement in the prescribed form, of the Trade Dollars received at this Mint during the Month of September 1887

Very Respectfully

A. M. Clifford

Superintendent

Hon. L. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

(86—L.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct. 19th, 1887.

Sir,

Please draw this day check

No. 5557, favor South Nat. Bank. N.Y., for $22.239.69/

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

A. M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New York.

[Ed. 1-28-85. 3000]

F.N.S

Philadelphia

September 30 1

30 dt

Septemb. 1

Gov. 150.492 06.820.423.00

2,064.400.00 2.365,268 77

H. S. Cochran

19 Octobr 7

Sir

I have had occasion to employ the firm of C.W. Army & Son to furnish some leather belting and do some repairs to the shafting. They were employed (to prevent inconvenience to the operatives working through the day) at night, and on several occasions, on Sunday.

The bill has been presented to me charging double rates for night, and Sunday-work. Mr Army informs me that these charges are in accordance with trade practices, and I write to you to have your opinion upon these items. I have no doubt that what he says about the custom of the trade is correct, but I have had no precedent since I have been in position

to guide me in this case, and I think it best to ask your judgment as to what I ought to do.

The aggregate of the charges for labor amounts to $39.42.

Be good enough to advise me?

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Secretary of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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19 October 7

Sir

This morning I was called upon by two young men who stated they had been recommended to me and exhibited a circular that had been received by the father of one of them. The Circular he wrote his name on to identify it, and the newspaper clipping he also identified with his initials "Thos. J. Reid".

It looks like a swindling, Counterfeiting, a surreptitious printing of genuine United States Bond Plates.

Accompanying the Circular was a slip bearing the name "Aug. Marini & basement 958 7th ave New York City". The young man informed me that his father whose name is John Reid resides in Wells-

Ind, West Virginia. His father received both the Circular and the newspaper slip about 2 or 3 weeks ago and he thinks he has the envelope in which these papers passed through the mails.

I do not know what there is in it, but I feel it my duty to transmit the material to you that you might show them to Mr. Brooks of the Secret Detective Service.

My Mr Lobo informs me that he saw that statement contained in the circular sometime [illegible] in one of the newspapers of the day. Still I feel disposed to transmit them to you: you will know how to dispose of them

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

19 October 7

Sir;

Enclosed herewith you will find statements form 95 showing the operations of the Refinery for the months of May and June of the last fiscal year

I apprehend this will complete the reports for the whole of the year. These final returns of data from the operations of the gold and silver deposits ~~of which~~ last June are presented, were received only yesterday

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19: October 7

Sir,

Will you have the Kindness to give me an official order in writing for the purchase of the 50.000 lbs. milled and cleaned nickel 5 cent blanks from Joseph Wharton at 39 4/10 ¢ per lb., as was proposed by him in his offer of the 8th inst., and which verbal authority you gave me yesterday.

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 20 /

Sir,

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, I herewith enclose for your information, and guidance, an Official Copy of certain additions and amendments, to the Regulations for the Transaction of Business at this Mint; having relation to Proof-Coins, Pattern-Pieces &c, and Dies therefor.

Respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Chas E. Barber Esq.
Engraver.

Oct 20 1

Sir,

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, I herewith enclose for your information and guidance, an Official Copy of certain additions, and amendments, to the Regulations for the Transaction of Business at this Mint; having relation to Proof-Coins, Pattern-Pieces &c.

Respectfully

Superintendent.

Jacob B. Eckfeldt. Esqr.
Assayer.

Oct 20 7

Sir,

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, I herewith enclose for your information and guidance, an Official Copy of certain additions, and amendments, to the Regulations for the transaction of Business at this Mint, having relation to Proof Coins, Pattern Pieces &c.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Jas C. Booth Esq.
Melter & Refiner

Oct 14 7

Sir,

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, I herewith enclose for your information and guidance, an Official Copy of certain additions, and amendments, to the Regulations for the transaction of Business at this Mint. Having relation to Proof Coins, Patterns, Pieces re

Respectfully

Superintendent

William S. Stark Esq
Cashier

(86-A.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 20th, 1887.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No 6553 favor Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y. for $41.474.98

" 6554 " J.W. Seligman & Co. " $31.953.29

" 6555 " Nesslage, Colgate & Co. " $21.049.98

" 6556 " Handy Harman. " $66.459.48

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New York

[ED. 7-28-85. 1000]

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

Oct 20th 1887

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from Heslage, Bolgate & Co

for bullion of advance

New York.

Oct 11th 1887

Fine Weight	oz.	25.045.90
Fine Weight	oz.	25.010.21
Value @ 0.9640 per oz. fine $		24.109.84

Superintendent

Oct 20th 7

Sir:

Please have my balance with the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New York increased, to enable me to make prompt returns for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon Jas P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

DRL

Oct 20th 7

Sir:

Will you please furnish me with a new Check book for the payment of purchases of Silver Bullion. The book in use at present is numbered from Check No. 67001 to 67600 inclusive. Kindly give this your prompt attention and oblige.

Yours very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon L. E. Landa.

Asst Treasurer U.S.

New York.

DPL

Oct 20th 7

Sir;

Under instructions received from you, I have been converting the Trade Dollar bullion in this Mint into Dimes, and the amount of these now coined therefrom have reached the sum of $621.000.

My object in writing is to ask your pleasure as to whether you will have me continue the conversion of the Trade Dollar bars into Dimes, or would you prefer that I should credit the coinage of Dimes to the uncurrent Silver coin for re-coinage, of which I have on hand the sum, say of $225.242.

Very Respectfully

Asst Mint

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

20 October 7

Sir,

In reference to the inquiry verbally made by you on Tuesday last - the 18th inst. - in relation to pattern pieces you may recollect that Mr Cracraft the medal Clerk said that he would see Mr Vogel - Ex medal Clerk - and learn whether any pattern pieces had been sold in his time. Mr Vogel very kindly called this morning. He said he was there from 1874 to 1885. There were no pattern pieces sold by the Medal Department during that period. I noticed that he emphasized, "by the Medal Department," And I asked him whether there were pattern pieces, through that time sold, that did not

pass through the medal department. He said, Yes, there were sometimes that Members of Congress and Senators requested sets of different designs of pattern pieces, and they were furnished - generally made of goloid - though such disposition of them never came through his department.

There was an entry in the books pointed out to him as of March 31. 1874; "Profits, Cash received 142 sets of pattern pieces $332.64." He said he could not explain what was meant by the phrase "Cash received" and what would be defined as pattern pieces here.

The above is as near the expression of Mr Vogel during this interview as I could get, but he emphasizes the fact that there

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there no pattern pieces sold "in the medal department"

Very respectfully
D. W. Taft
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

20: October 7

Sir

In furtherance of the Enclosed advertisement proposals were opened to day at 12 O'clock noon to supply this Mint with 50.000 lbs. more or less of milled & cleaned 5 ℔ Nickel blanks.

Only 2 proposals were received:-

Benedict & Burnham Mfg Co. @ 43½ ℔ per Net.

Joseph Wharton @ 42 1/10 ℔ "

Mr Wharton's being the lowest has been accepted subject to your approval.

Mr Wharton also offered to accept and fill from time to time within 12 months from this date any supplementary orders

for 250000 lbs additional for said blankets at the same price

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James T. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 20th 1887

Assignment of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from the South Nat'l Bank

New York

Oct 11th 1887

Gross Weight ... 79.697.86

Tare Weight ... 79.554.07

Fine ounces 0.9640 ... 76.690.11

Gold parted ... 11.59

Melfisher
Asst Melter

Oct 20th 7

Handy Harman

New York
Oct 14th 7

100.039.30
99.898.68
95.907.74

0.9600

H. C. Wentworth
Assayer

Oct 20th

2.791.177.27
557-Lone

Value $ 2.774.107.27
Value $ 17.070.00

epb

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Oct 21st 1867.

Sir

I draw this day check

on 6557 favor Handy & Harman $ 12.000. 67/
6558 " J. W. Seligman & Co. " 25.521. 98/
6559 " Bank N. Y. " 12.000. 58/

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Dallas
Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

(Rd. 7-23-66. 10M)

Oct 21 7

Sir,

The authority kindly granted me, by your letter of the 19th inst, to procure in this city, the three books specified, for the Bookkeeper's use, relieves me, from serious embarrassments. And I desire to have this authorization extended to cover, one "Register of Official Letters Received", which Miss Dallas, the clerk in charge of that work, informs me, will be needed by the time the book can be made. It is a book that has never been furnished by the Department, and our instructions have uniformly been to have them made here.

I hope you may be able to give me a favorable reply

Very Respectfully
R. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D. C.

363 transferred to letter book

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 22d 1887.

Sir

I draw this day check

No 6560, favor Fourth Nat'l Bank. N.Y., for $ 7.032.87/02

" 6561, " Handy & Harman. " $ 49.339.

" " " " " " $

" " " " " " $

" " " " " " $

" " " " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York

[Ed. 7-28-85. 1000]

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 24th 1887

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No 2562	favor Hamlin & Harmon	for $	6.776.69
2563	Kessler, Colgate & Co.	" $	32.867.95
2564	South Natl Bank. N.Y.	" $	47.632.76
		" $	
		" $	
		" $	

in payment of the Mint Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[Ed. 7-25-85. 2000]

Asst Treas
NE Ry.

Supt U.S. Mint.

24 : October 7.

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comrs herein enclosed, I have appointed Miss Emma E Focht, Adjuster in the Comrs Department of the Mint @ $1 2/5 per diem — vice Miss Hannah R Gunnell resigned — to take effect on date of her official oath and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

A M Kerr

Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

'74 October 7

Sir;

I have the honor to indorse for transmittal to the Secretary of the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit No. 6940 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $130.000, deposited on account of Mint Coinage profits

Very respectfully

R. Mc Kee

Superintendent

Hon: James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

14: Oct. 7

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that Miss Eleanor S. Farley appointed and confirmed Adjuster, respectively on the 3rd and 10th instants, has declined the position

Very respectfully
A. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

October 21st 7.

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 20th inst. I herewith transmit a statement of the Number of melts of Gold and Silver ingots, respectively, made at this Mint, and the number condemned, during the fiscal years 1882, to 1887 inclusive.

Very Respectfully

A. M. Heath

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D. C.

Statement of the number of melts of Ingots made, and the number condemned at the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia for the fiscal years 1882 to 1887, inclusive.

	Gold.		Silver.	
	No. made.	No condemned.	No made.	No condemned
1882	1333.	17	6,502.	32
1883	178	3	7,328.	46
1884	109	6	8,281.	64
1885	65	5	9,142.	29
1886	208	9	12,867.	80
1887	7	0	14,146.	122
	1900	40	58,266	373

Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

24 October 7

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3507 of Revised States, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Cashier herein enclosed I have appointed Miss Mary T. Payne an adjuster in this Mint @ $1.75 per diem - in place of Miss E. S. Farley declined - to take effect on date of oath and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

J. R. M. Cox

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

L.V.C.R.

Oct 24th 1877

Handy & Harman

New York

Oct 19th 1877

50.474.50

50.392.86

48.427.54

0.9610

Penn. Coal for shipments.

N. W. Ford

Oct 2d: 7

J. W. Seligman & Co

New York

Oct 18th: 7

0.2 5.85

0.181.17

0.9610 67.444.11

Lieut

Henry Hamann

50.208.40
50.118.67
48.164.04

0.9610

Oct 24th

2.853.057.024
1.64 Local

1.506.949.207
1.047.358.93
20.177.167
19.564.23

Kimball

sold

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 25th 1887.

Sir,

Please draw the following checks

No. 6565	favor	Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y.	for $ 9.203.71
6566	"	J.W. Seligman & Co.	" $ 13.047.35
6567	"	Hornby & Hannan	" $ 64.673.89
	"		" $
	"		" $
	"		" $

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

D.M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

(Rev. 2-28-85. 100)

Oct 25 1½ 7

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official.

"Has my balance been increased? Answer quick by wire."

Very Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Supt.

Hon. C. G. Conda.
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New York.

Oct. 25th 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward a P.O. Money order for $20— from Shawnesville Ohio, which accompanied an order for Minor Coins, Our Bank has returned it to me because it requires your Signature, please sign the endorsement on the back and return it to me

Very respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

October 25th 7.

Sir.

In pursuance of the published advertisement, the following Proposals were received and opened in my Office today at 12 O'clock noon, to furnish 50,000 lbs. more or less of unmilled 1¢ Planchets to the

Benedict & Burnham Mfg Co. @ 26 4/10 ¢ per lb.

Joseph Wharton 25 65/100 ¢ " "

Mr Wharton's bid being the lowest, has been accepted, subject to your approval. Mr Wharton also offered to furnish from time to time within the coming twelve months, 1¢ blanks to the amount of 250,000 lbs additional at the same price. 25 65/100 ¢ per lb.

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon James P Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

SRL

No. 2.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct. 26th, 1887.

Sir

Draw this day check

No. 6568, favor Handy & Harman for $ 17.928. 86/100

" 6569 " Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. " 11.118. 14/100

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully

W. A. Cox

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[Rev. 7-28-87. 1000]

Oct 26th

Fourth National Bank

New York

Oct 14th

80.312.10

80.187.92

0.9600 76.980.40

Oct 26 7

Sir,

In compliance with your request I submit the following statement as regards the collection of old books, and papers now undergoing examination in the Post Office Building. The collection was made partly to enable me to report the amount and character of the coinage by Calendar Years, instead of by Fiscal Years as heretofore; and partly with the purpose of rescuing important documents from destruction.

In attempting to carry out this design it was supposed that many of the old records were inaccessible, or lost; but in the explorations made in searching for them, many of the books, and papers were found in

out of the way places such as the 2

Storage Vault of the Weigh Room, others in the Vault of the Melter + Refiner, and again others in the Coiners Vault, or scattered in the rest of the Mint.

A very large number of Books + Documents, old, dilapidated, torn and dusty, all in confusion, were gathered from the floor of this part of the building, among old boxes, barrels, broken furniture, stoves and stove-pipes and scrap-iron, piled in heaps, together with a quantity of letters, Check-books etc. ——

Amongst the last named material ~~then found~~ was a complete set of Dies for 3¢ and 10¢ Silver pieces, — whether counterfeit or genuine is not known — nor do we know their history. — Those for 10¢ were regular Coinage Dies, in style and appearance, while singularly enough, those for 3¢ pieces was a Punch Die to be used

a hammer, instead of a Coining Press, — whether for surreptitious private Coinage, or otherwise, is left to conjecture. With this Punch Die, was found a square sheet of 3f clippings, showing that they were not cut from the usual strips rolled for coins, and could not have been put through our Cutting Presses, the sheet being much too wide for the purpose. All this material was mixed on the floor, with other things scattered about the Loft, from one end to the other, without order or system, and with no endorsement or imprint on any of the books or documents to show what they were, though a cursory examination proved them to be part of the Archives of the Mint, accumulated during the long period of its history. These were put in boxes, and the vast mass, amounting

to three Adams Express wagon loads were removed to a room in the new Post Office Building, which I secured for the purpose on the same floor with the Mint Storage Vaults. Besides the books, was a quantity of letters, and other MSS., many of them, evidently of much value. Some of these books, and documents were doubtless deposited in the Vault when the Mint was removed from its old Quarters in 7th St. more than half a Century ago, to the present Building; and the rest have accumulated since.

I am led to believe that the missing Coinage Books will be found there, if anywhere, but it will require a long and patient effort to get them out. I have therefore transferred one of the Mint Employees to the room in the Post Office with instructions to clear off the dust, and

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thus carefully classify, label, and catalogue
every book and document in the lot, for
future examination, reference and use.
He is now engaged in the performance
of that task. It is probable that many
important documents may thus be exhumed
and made available, as circumstances
may require, though what the exact results
may be, can not be determined until the
work is done.

Very Respectfully
Wm M Fox
Superintendent

Hon J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

27. October 7

Sir;

In relation to the call for a statement from the records of the Mint by Calendar years of the Coinage executed by the Mint from its establishment to the present time, - the reports having heretofore been by fiscal years only, I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of the report made to me by the Coiner stating the Coinage by Calendar years from 1793 to 1823 and from 1837 to 1886 both inclusive, which are the only periods of the Coinage of the Mint since its institution that we have been able to obtain from the records. The periods from 1793 to 1823 are compiled from the statement copied by hand in a Director's letter book found

in a department of the Mint other than the Coiner's: and the period from 1857 to 1886, has been compiled with the completed records in this office.

The Coiner says he has experienced some difficulty in collating the data in relation to the period from 1824 to 1856, because of the absence of the books containing the information required.

It is hoped that in the large quantity of books collected from various places and sent to the post office storage-vault room, further facts can be had, but this will take time.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Coin's department

Copy

Oct 24th 7

Hon: Dan'l. M. Fox
Superintendent

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith statements of the coinage by calendar years from 1793 to 1823 and, 1857 to 1886, both inclusive which are the only periods of the Coinage of this Mint since its institution that we have been able to obtain from the records

The period from 1793 to 1823 are compiled from a statement copied by hand in a Directors letter book in another department of this Mint, and the period from 1857 to 1886 has been compared with the completed records in this office.

Some difficulty has been experienced in collating the data in relation to the period from 1874 to 1886 because of the absence of the books containing the information required. These books it is likely will be found at the Post Office building where the old records taken from the other parts of the institution are now being classified.

In some cases the books in our possession omit the denomination of the coin, thus necessitating further search for other data to correct if possible these omissions, and we are now endeavoring to complete the full statement as fast as the circumstances will allow

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
W. S. Steel
Comr

20. October 7

Sir;

I have the honor to report that Mrs. F. A Van Cleve, adjuster, having resigned, her name will be dropped from the rolls after the 27th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

K. S. L.

26: Oct. 7

Sir,

I herewith return the several statements of "Trade Dollars melted"; ~~and~~ enclosed in your letter of the 24th inst with the two lots referred to in your letter and memorandum added.

The Coins were new and never issued from this Mint, but transferred by the Cashier directly to the Melter & Refiner, without being entered in our Weigh-books

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

26 : October 7

Sir

In Conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3507 of Revised Statutes, I have the honor to informs you that on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herein enclosed I have promoted William Cagan "Sweep Cellar Operative", Assistant Foreman in his Department @ $3 25 per diem – to perform the duties hitherto performed by F. A. Garriques, Foreman, deceased – to take effect from the date he assumes his new duties, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
D. W. McKee
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Copy

Oct 26th 1837

Sir,

I have the honor to recommend the promotion of William Bacon, from Waiter at $3.00 per diem, to be assistant gardener at $3.00 per diem, to take effect upon Confirmation

Very respectfully
N. Bond
Arch. Navy

To Hon D. Mc Intosh
Superintendent

Stock

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Oct 27th 7

Sir,

I have this day drawn

A	657 0	Fourth Natl Bank. N.Y.	2.5	1/ 03
	657 1	Nesbaga Bingate & Co	15.167.	20
	657 2	Handy & Harman.	65.332.	18
		"	"	"
		"	"	"
		"	"	"

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully

D Ellicott

Vice Assistant

President Treasurer U.S.

New York

1881

SRL

Oct 27th 7

Handy Hannan

New York

Oct 27th 7

75.296.35

75.178.59

0.9630 72.396.98

D. M. Fox

27: October 1

Sir

Responsive to your letter of inquiry requesting explanation of the Melter and Refiners report for the year given to the Representative of the Bureau at Settlement time, and the report given to yourself, I referred your Communication to the Melter & Refiner, and he has written me a reply a copy of which I enclose and which I think explains the matter satisfactorily

Very respectfully
A M Mattox
Superintendent

Hon James Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Copy

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Melting and Refining Department,
Philadelphia Oct 27th 1887.

Sir,

In reply to the letter of the Director of the Mint, of the 26th inst, calling your attention to a difference in the amounts of gold and silver bullion, given by the Melter and Refiner in his statement made at the annual settlement, June 30th 1887, and those given in his communication of the 8th inst. I have the honor to state that the two communications do not refer to the same subject matter, and are not to be confounded.

The statement given by the Melter and Refiner, at the close of the fiscal year 1887, stated the amount of gold and silver bullion delivered to the Melter and Refiner, on that delivered by you to him, during the fiscal

year then ended.

The amounts stated by the Melter & Refiner, and enclosed in your communication of the 8th inst, were given in answer to an enquiry calling for the amounts of gold and silver bullions in the hands of the Melter and Refiner, from the various operations in his department, during the fiscal year, 1887, and were the amounts given in statement, June 30. 1887. increased by the amounts of surplus bullion, gold and silver, respectively, found in his hands, from his various operations, and delivered by him to the representative of the Mint Bureau, at the final settlement of the fiscal year 1887, as will appear by reference to the same.

Very respectfully

N. B. Boyd.

A & A. M & R.

To,
Hon D W Fox,
Superintendent.

27: October 7

Sir

It is customary before the close of the year, to order a quantity of Silver Coin of the denominations of halves and quarters and of gold Coin of the denomination of one dollar, coined, in order to keep up the continuity of the years, if for nothing else.

Last year under your instructions we Coined 5000 dollars in halves and quarters and $7500 in one dollar gold pieces. If it is the intention of the department to continue this Course for this year I would ask that instructions be given at once, in order that we can have the Coins of the denomination specified, made

just as we can find convenience without interfering with the regular requisitions so that they can be done within a reasonably early time without crowding so much of the work into the month of December. I suggest this in view of the fact that there are opportunities while the press is waiting for the material from the other departments, and we can do it without near so much hurry

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 27th 6

[redacted]

[redacted]

value $ [redacted]

value $ [redacted]

Chas. P. Kimball

D. M. Fox

L.P.P.

Oct 28th

65-3	Hardy Hammond	5.500.29
65-4	Nusbaum, Bergdoll & Co	6.935.12

Approved by Fidus Baldwin

W. A. Ford

Superintendent

Collateral Trust Co

New York

28: Oct: 7

Sir;

On receipt of your recent letter desiring an explanation of the difference in the bids for prepared nickel blanks by Mr. Joseph Wharton, I addressed a communication inquiring to him and received an answer dated 27th inst., a copy of which is herewith enclosed, which I submit for your consideration

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Svt
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Copy

American Nickel Works
Camden, N. J. Oct 27. 1887

Hon: Daniel M Fox Supt U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Answering your communication of to day to the effect that the Director of the Mint thinks of rejecting my bid to supply milled and cleaned nickel blanks, & desires explanations, I have to say:-
First; that the Director is in error if he supposes that the advance of 4 7/10 cts per lb. in my last bid over the next preceding one is an advance in the charge for milling and cleaning only. The advance is upon the entire cost of the goods, very little if any being on the charge for milling and cleaning.
Second;- that the recent bids for Nickel blanks have been rather absurdly low, and at the last figures of 42 1/10 cts. for cleaned and milled the Mint would still be served much cheaper than ever before, either by using its own appliances or by purchasing

blanks, with the small exceptions of what I have called above the absurdly low bids

Third: that those extremely low prices resulted from the destructive competition of two great concerns who now have their mills full of other work that pays them profit. One of them, the Scovill Mfg Co. with whom I am allied, would have bid at a higher price but for my intervention. New bidding would now I think be higher than the last

Yours truly
Joseph W Barton

28: Octobr 7

Sir

The exceedingly crowded and cramped condition of the offices of this Mint, occupied by my clerks, coupled with an imperative demand upon me, by reason of a greatly increased amount of business to be transacted daily, has forced upon me the immediate necessity of casting about to find additional room for the proper accommodation of current daily books and correspondence and where they may be classified in order that they may be at hand at a moments notice, in case of an emergent reference, which is at times the case, and for want of which accommodation, much valuable time is wasted. In looking about for expedients to supply

this want I find there are now in the library of this Mint, which room is occupied by my bookkeepers, some two thousand or more volumes of Executive Documents, Patent Office Reports, Reports of Coast Surveys &c &c which are occupying valuable and much needed space, and which books are not required under any circumstances.

In my dilemma it has occurred to me, that authority might be obtained to have these volumes carefully scheduled, sent to the Mint Storage Department (I mean in the large room) of the Post Office and then carefully shelved, and the space thus obtained utilized for our purpose in the Mint.

The emergency is pressing and I would thank you to advise me at your ear-

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best convenience

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28: Oct: 7

Sir;

Telegram received.

Herewith send a duplicate statement of bars manufactured at this Mint during the last fiscal year. So far as our information goes they were all used in the arts.

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

SPK

Oct 28th

Sir.

Replying to your letter of the 27th inst relative to certain Nickel purchased and turned over to Joseph Wharton to be converted into Five Cent Blanks, I have to report, that the bulk of the aforesaid Nickel was purchased under advertisement dated Janry 17th 1884, from Jas S. Watson Sons, being the lowest bidders, at the rate of 84¢ per pound, and was delivered as German and English Nickel.

A small portion of old Nickel, say about 1500 lbs, which had been on hand for many years, was included in the above amount, as it was thought best to have the entire lot of Metal worked up while the opportunity offered.

In regard to the exact number of pounds delivered to Joseph Wharton, I submit

Per following Statement from the Books - viz:

	Lbs	
German English Nickel delivered to Joseph Wharton,	28.627.-	
American Nickel purchased from do.		
at 65¢ per Lb.	2.000.-	
Baltimore sugar copper purchased	18.948.-	50.948.-
Total delivered Jos. Wharton.		79.575.-

5% Nickel copper Blanks returned by Jos. Wharton	77.994.-
Difference allowed as Wastage	1.581.-

You will of course understand that it was necessary to purchase the 2.000.- lbs of Nickel, and the copper additional, in order to produce Blanks of the legal Standard of Alloy. Trusting that the above will be satisfactory,

I am, Very Respectfully,

Wm McFox

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Sir

Oct 28th 7

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 27th inst. I have to state the following as being the weight and cost value of Bronze and Nickel blanks purchased during the Fiscal year ended June 30th 1887.

Bronze 1¢ Blanks.	127.018 lbs.	@ .21 ct. =	$ 26.800.80
Nickel 5¢ "	22.019	@ .37 9/10	8.346.20

These figures of course do not include any of the Metals worked by Joseph Wharton under his special contract, but are simply the blanks purchased under advertisements.

Very Respectfully.

Asst Treas

Lupfr.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

28. Oct. 7

Sir;

Having relation to your letter of 25th inst. touching the old records collected by me and sent to the apartments in the Post-office building for examination, I think from the condition of the books and various documents accompanying the same, it will be sometime before I can possibly give you a list of them and anything worthwhile mentioning in your annual report. It is very slow and dusty work to put them in condition properly rearranged and scheduled before they can be carefully examined.

I propose labeling, and if possible to reattach as many of the outside covers

to those that require it, and then arranging them in the closets that we found in the room when we entered upon possession. I think for the present that will be the most convenient place to put them. I also propose when the preliminary work is done, if you wish to have them in Washington, I will better be able to convene of what space they will take up

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon: James R Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19 Oct. 1

Sir;

Until further notice the purchasing rate of Silver in bars of less ten thousand ounces will be 95½ cents per ounce fine

Respectfully

D Tilton

Superintendent

M Henry Cochrane
Weigh Clerk

29 : Oct. /

Sir

Until further notice the purchasing rate of Silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be 95½ Cents per ounce fine

Respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Mr. George Eberick
Abstract Clerk

29 Oct. 7

Sir;

You are hereby suspended from further duty until further notice; because of inefficiency and slovenliness in making ingots as per example of several occasions exhibited this morning

Respectfully

D. McCord

Superintendent

Mr William Cagan

"Sweep Cellar"

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

29. Oct 1857

Sir

You are hereby suspended from further duty until further notice, because of inefficiency and slovenliness in making ingots as per example on several occasions exhibited this morning

Respectfully

Superintendent

Mr Ely A Warner
Melter

Oct. 29 7

Sir.

You are hereby suspended from further duty until further notice, because of inefficiency and slovenliness in making ingots, as per the example, on several occasions exhibited this morning.

Respectfully

Superintendent

Mr. Dominick McFadden
Helper in Mill

29 October 7

Sir.

You are hereby suspended from further duty until further notice, because of inefficiency and slovenliness in making ingots as per example on several occasions, exhibited this morning.

Respectfully.

Superintendent

Mr James Stevenson
Melter

2d October 7

Sir,

You are hereby dispended from further duty until further notice, because of inefficiency and slovenliness in making ingots as per example on several occasions, exhibited this morning.

Respectfully.

Superintendent.

Mr Joseph J Sullivan
Melter

29 October 7

Sir

You are hereby suspended from further duty until further notice, because of inefficiency and slovenliness in making minots as per example on several occasions, exhibited this morning

Respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent

Mr. John W. Yerkes
Melter

29 October 1

Sir

You are hereby suspended from further duty until ~~further~~ notice because of inefficiency and slovenliness in making ingots as per the example on several occasions exhibited this morning

Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Mr Hugh Donner
Melter

Oct. 29th 1

Sir.

You are hereby suspended from further duty until further notice, because of inefficiency and slovenliness in making ingots, as per the example, on several occasions exhibited this morning.

Respectfully

Wm Kent

Superintendent.

Mr James McBride
Helper M R Dpt

SHR

(86 2.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Oct 20th 1887.

Sir,

I draw this day check

No 657 favor Neulager, Colgate & Co for $ 2.829.43

" 658 " Handy & Harman. " 24.522.82

" 659 " Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. 26.523.55

" (" (" $ (

" (" (" $ (

" (" (" $ (

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

[Rev 1-28-85 1000]

Oct 29th 1897

Fourth Nat'l Bank

New York

Oct 22nd 1897

75.047.20

75.919.25

0.9630 73.110.23

Nat'l

Oct 29th 7

Messrs. Colgate & Co

New York

Oct 21st 7

60.136.85

60.020.25

0.9630 57.799.50

Superintendent

SRCb

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Oct 29th 1887

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint for the Treasury Department, per order of advice

Handy & Harman

New York

Oct 22nd

Fine Weight		74.978.75
Fine Weight		74.868.25
Value (at)	0.9630	72.098.12

Penna Salt Co.

R. M. Patterson
Superintendent

S R L

Oct 29th 7

Sir.

I respectfully return herewith T. O. no. 15060. for $23.242.27 for transfer of Bullion from Charlotte Assay Office, in order that the year may be corrected, before entering it in my accounts.

Very Respectfully.
L. M. Hoxie
Supt.

Hon. James W. Hyatt,
Treasurer U. S.
Washington.
D. C.

Rec'd

Oct 29th 7

Sir:

I enclose herewith the following bids for 70 Bbls. M & R's Sweeps offered for sale. ie:

M. Wollstein & Co.	$1646.93
A. W. Spear & Son.	1550.00
Howard & Möhle	1803.41

The bid of Howard & Möhle being the highest I will accept the same with your approval.

Please return this bids by next mail.

Very Respectfully.

D K Mfgr

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

29 Oct. 7

Sir:

In reply to the inquiry contained in the 2nd. paragraph of your letter of 22nd. inst., I have to state, that of the 112,076.16 ounces redeposits of fine silver bars, 110,999.86 were New York Assay Office bars and 1,076.30 were bars from this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

29 Oct 7

Sir,

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You are therefore hereby notified that hereafter, it is part of your duty, and you will be expected, to examine every ingot produced in your Department, to see that after careful melting, without hurry, they are as perfect as they can be.

Respectfully

D M Fox

Superintendent

Mr Patent Lamb
Asst Foreman M.R. Dept

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Respectfully
D K Cox
Superintendent

Mr. Joseph Beckman
Ass't. Foreman M.O.R. Dpt.

29 Octobr 1

Sir

You are hereby notified that the Director has authorized the Coinage of "not exceeding $5000 pr halves and "quarters, and $7500 - in one dollar "gold pieces at such times as may be "most convenient before the close of the "Calendar year.

Respectfully

Superintendent

J. C. Booth Esqr
Mint & Refiner

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Respectfully

D. A. Fox

Superintendent

William A. Steel

Coiner

29: Oct. 1887

Sir;

In conformity with the provision of Sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that, on the recommendation of the Coroner herein enclosed, I have appointed Thomas Bradley, Cutter, in his department, @ $2 ~~50~~ per diem, - in place of Robert Lynch declined - and Rose Schwank, Adjuster, in his department, at $2 ~~75~~ per diem - vice Mrs. Edna Van Cleve resigned - to take effect from date of oath and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Supt. Mint

Supt. Mint

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

29 Oct: 1897

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D. W. Fox

Superintendent

Mr Cornelius Callahan

asst. Fireman N.Y.R.R.

29: October 7

Sir;

Mr William H. Douglass representing Messrs Gale & Sargent the makers of the Time Locks in use at the Post Office vaults called this morning to see if he could have the clocks cleaned and oiled. The locks have now been running about 2 years and it can hardly be supposed that the oil on the pinions has not evaporated. It may possibly be that further use, without renewing the oil may result in such wear of the journals of the works as to necessitate their removal to the factory for "bushing

up' involving extra expense and possibly some detriment to the Clock work itself.

As I hesitate to exercise any discretion over any of the fixtures, either including the doors or locks, I have given Mr Douglass word that I will not allow the doors nor the locks to be touched without submitting the fact to the proper authority, for instruction.

Will you be good enough to advise what I shall do in the matter?

Perhaps it would be as well to communicate with some other department first who may know

Very

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

SRL

Oct 31st

J. W. Seligman & Co.

New York.

Oct 21st

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31 October 7

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the following Coins, by Registered Mail, reserved for Special Assay from the Coins delivered during the current month:—

24 Standard Dollars
100 Dimes
2 Eagles

(24)

Very respectfully

Your fellow-citizen

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 31st

2.593.184. 328

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Jos. F. Kimball.

October 31st 7

Sir;

Upon examination and count made this day, I found the moneys in the hands of the Cashier of this Mint to be as follows;

Gold Coin	1,561,349.50
Silver do	39,388,649.36
Currency	190,036.39
Total $	41,140,035.25

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,
Dan'l M Fox
Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 1st 1887.

Sir

I draw this my draft

No 2578, favor of W. Seligman & Co. for $26.267.42/100

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully

W. H. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

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Oct 31st 87

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 27th. inst. I herewith send you a statement of the amount of minor coins shipped to the different states and territories, from this Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1887.

	1¢	5¢
Alabama	$ 25.	$ 5,375.
Arkansas	20.	890.
Arizona	20.	000.
California	1,215.	11,585.
Colorado	105.	6,090.
Connecticut	6,230.	6,010.
Delaware	385.	950.
Dist. Columbia	200.	300.

	1c	5c
Dakota	$1590.	$3,640
Florida	190.	840.
Georgia	490.	3020.
Indiana	13,669.37	18,710.
Iowa	8330.	11,970.
Illinois	51,831.	68,355.
Idaho	000.	80.
Kentucky	1,775.	12,950.
Kansas	4440.	8,720.
Louisiana	400.	6510.
Michigan	17,840.	11,786.
Massachusetts	38,815.	39,210.
Minnesota	10,405.	13,615.
Maine	1,325.	1,216.
Mississippi	25.	250.
Montana	000.	2,020.
Maryland	14,270.	22,070.
Missouri	7,650.	49,490.
New York	128,125.	73,870.

	57	57
North Carolina	$ 1,035.	$ 1,290.
New Jersey	12,965.	11,835.
New Hampshire	800.	2,600.
New Mexico	000.	400.
Nebraska	2,710.	14,865.
Ohio	29,015.	34,990.
Oregon	20.	3,510.
Pennsylvania	25,500.	45,045.
Rhode Island	6,950.	3,100.
South Carolina	800.	2,865.
Texas	150.	7,320.
Tennessee	1,280.	15,890.
Utah	000.	1,320.
Virginia	3,080.	5,540.
Vermont	1,370.	900.
West Virginia	1,235.	2380.
Wisconsin	7,230.	10755.
Wash. Ter.	000.	300.
Wyoming	000.	260.
Totals	$ 400510.37	$ 544,686.

Recapitulation

1¢	$ 400.570.37
5¢	544.686.
Total.	$ 945.186.37

Number of pieces

One cent	40.051.037.	pieces.
Five cent	10.893.720.	pieces.
Total no. pieces.	50.944.757.	

Very Respectfully.
Dahl McFee
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

1 Nov. 7

Sir;

I have the honor ~~to transmit~~ the oaths of office of Miss Mary F. Byrne and Miss Emma E. Fockt recently appointed Adjusters in the Coiner's Department of this Mint

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Fr

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Nov 1 7

Sir,

In reply to your inquiry of the 28th as to the exact weight of the Bullion sent to the Refinery during the last fiscal year, I herewith enclose copy of a communication from the acting Melter and Refiner, which puts the matter in its true light, and explains the supposed discrepancy, to which you refer.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent.

Hon J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D. C.

(Copy)

Oct. 31st 1887.

Sir.

In answer to the letter of the Director of the Mint, of the 28th inst. which you handed me to report upon, I have the honor to state that the amount reported by me to you on Sept. 28th ulto., and referred to by the Director as included in your communication to him of the 8th inst. is the true amount of Standard bullion operated upon, and returned from the refinery operations of the fiscal year, 1887.

The statement accompanying the letter of the Director of 28th inst. appears to be made up of the Gross weight of the bullion, assed in refining the Deposits of the separate months of the last fiscal year; and

includes that used in refining the deposits of May and June, 1887, which were not refined until after the close of the fiscal year. The amount given in my communication of Sept 28th 1887, viz ——— 680,712.19 ozs is the true standard weight of the bullion refined during the last fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
N B Boyd
a/s M & R.

To Hon
D. M. Fox,
Superintendent.

November 1st 7.

Sir.

In compliance with your request of Oct. 31st I herewith transmit a copy of Superintendent Pollock's letter of Feby 27th 1875. in reply to Director Linderman's inquiry of the previous day with regard to pattern pieces and dies.

Very respectfully

Supt.

Hon James P Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

(Lot 1)

February 27th 75.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 26th inst, enclosing an inquiry from Mr Wilson, a constituent of Hon. W. S. Moore, M. C. for pattern pieces of the proposed 20 cent silver coin, I have to state that our rule has been not to strike for sale specimen pieces of coins not authorized by law, without the sanction of the authorities at Washington. There have therefore been no pattern pieces struck of the coins referred to, except those forwarded to you for the use of the Finance Committee of Congress, and the Cabinet and officers of the Mint. There have been none for sale. Mr Wilsons letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
Jas Pollock,
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D. C.

1 November /

Sir

The great success of our new steam-plant, which is an ornament to the building, as well as an augmentation of our working power, and the large additional available space, which it has given us for the relocation of lockers and clothes closets, and the introduction of bath rooms for the health and comfort of the employees, besides leaving abundant space for the erection of large burglar-proof storage vaults wherever Congress shall authorize the expenditure, strengthens my conviction of the necessity and propriety of still further improvements to add to the efficiency of the institution and facilitate its operations. I feel constrained

I therefore ask leave of absence, to renew my recommendations of a year ago that a third story be added to the building all around, and the basement be extended South to the line of Chestnut Street on both sides of the front portico making the terraces where the grass plots now are, elevated about four feet above the level of the pavement, which would leave room for windows to give the necessary light to the new rooms below. This extension would largely increase our space for general storage purposes, and give much needed room for the use of the mechanical departments of the Mint. The addition of a third story is the only available expansion that is now practicable, more ground on the West being no longer obtainable. The proposed 3rd story would give us working space that is sorely needed

and by permitting a redistribution of the Clerical and operative departments would relieve much embarrassing inconvenience to which we are now subjected, and give to the institution a smoothness of working and general efficiency that has not hitherto been practicable.

An appropriation of $150.000 would cover the entire cost of the alterations and when completed the Mint would be in condition to respond to all requisitions that may possibly be made for the Coinage of the United States for a half Century to come. The only objection suggested, that the changes proposed would not be in harmony with the Greek architecture of the present building, I believe can be overcome. The same general style of architecture can be preserved in planning

the alterations, and its external appearance improved instead of being impaired, and if the drawings heretofore submitted should not prove to be satisfactory other designs can be prepared — I am sure, by the Supervising architects & others - that will answer the purpose, and be free from any such objections. The resources of architecture are not so impoverished that they cannot provide for acceptable alterations of buildings adaptable to any style of architecture.

St. George's Hall in this City is a fine building which was altered from a Greek model in a manner very similar to the plan now proposed for the Mint, and the alterations were an undeniable success. There is a building on Chestnut Street in this City of

imposing proportions in which there is no trace of any of the recognized orders of architecture, yet its façade is one of striking beauty and is universally admired.

An additional consideration to this end is the fact that the Mint is in the immediate vicinity of the new City Hall, a very large and imposing structure, will soon be overshadowed by the new Keystone National Bank now in the course of erection on the south side of Chestnut, directly opposite; and the contemplated new building covering the adjoining ground between the Mint and the line of Broad Street owned by the Girard Life & Trust Company; while the Wanamaker's Grand Depôt, just across Juniper Street almost alongside of the Mint, it is expected, will before long, be raised

to the height of 6 or 7 stories, so that our Mint will be overshadowed on all sides by elevated buildings much more imposing than is itself. Thus a 3rd story in this building has become necessary to remove its squatty appearance in contrast with the neighborhood generally.

I am informed that the proposed alterations can be made so as to add immensely to our convenience, yet the general symmetry and style of the building be sufficiently well preserved to satisfy good taste and yet retain the integrity of architectural principles. The necessity for the additional space is evident, and there being, as I believe, no insurmountable objection to the contrary, I respectfully but earnestly renew my former recommendations upon this subject

with the desire and request that you will kindly submit them for favorable Consideration and action

Very respectfully

W. H. H. Fox

Superintendent

Hon James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 2 7

Sir,

The Store keeper has made requisition upon me, for 6000 Manilla pay Envelopes like the enclosed sample. It was believed that our supply on hand would be sufficient to carry us over New Year's; but this proves to have been a miscalculation, and we have none on hand. Can the Department furnish them, or shall I procure them here? Please advise me. We shall need them in a few days.

Very Respectfully
Edwd M Gest
Superintendent

Hon J. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D. C.

2 Novemb 7

Sir;

In Conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that I have transferred John J. Gorman, Watchman, to be Night Watch, and Joseph A. Spreniger, Night Watch, to be Watchman, in the General Department of this Mint, each at $2.75 per diem, to take effect from the time they assume their new duties and submit the same for your approval.

Very respectfully

A. M. Heath

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 2nd 7

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official

"Will send preliminary Report tomorrow."

Very Respectfully.
L. M. Hoxie
Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

SKC

Nov. 3rd 7

Sir.

I will thank you to furnish me with two more copies of Department Circular No. 87. 1887 giving the rates and distances to be used in ascertaining the charges for Telegraphing.

Very Respectfully
N. M. Ptd
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

SRL

Nov 3.

Check No. 579. Hanover National Bank N.Y. $14.978.10

Check No. 580. Bowling Green Bank N.Y. $36.729.26

in payment for Silver Bullion

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Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

G.M.S

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Value

2570.445.135
Value $ 2481.907.58
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Value $ 53.794.278
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Jas. P. Kimball

9 Novemb: 7

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Thomas Bradley recently appointed Cutter in the Coiner's Department of this Mint; also that of Miss Rose G. Schwank, appointed Adjuster in the same Department

Very respectfully

W. M. Ross

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

G. Norem. 7

Sir;

Enclosed with this letter please find copy of a letter from William L. Steel Esq. Coiner, referring to the tabular statement also enclosed, of the coinage of this Mint by calendar years from 1824 to 1886 inclusive.

A portion of the record was found in the books and papers removed to the Post office storage room for examination. This statement, together with those previously forwarded from 1793 to 1823 and from 1857 to 1886, completes the record of the coinage of this institution from 1793 to 1886

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 2nd 7.

Hon Daniel M Fox

Superintendent.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit statements of the Coinage of this Mint by Calendar years from 1824 to 1856. inclusive, which were compiled from the records a portion of which had been for years lying loose in the loft and other places in the Mint. and removed to the Post Office Storage Room by you, together with the statements previously forwarded 1793 to 1823, and 1857 to 1886 completes the statements of the Coinage of this Institution from 1793 to 1886.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
W. S. Stee[illegible]
Coiner

Nov. 4th 7

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Reports could not be completed yesterday in time for mail. Worked late last night with them. Will go today without fail.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

F. M. T.

Nov. 4th 1887

Sir;

I have the honor to forward you by today's mail, my Ordinary, Standard Silver Dollar Coinage, Refinery, Standard Silver Dollar Storage, and Removal of Steam Power Plant expense accounts for the month of October 1887.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

4. Nov. J

Sir

Responsive to yours of the 1st instant having reference to the accumulations of public documents and other book matter occupying space in the Counting rooms of the Mint (in which) in which you recommend a distribution of them among different local institutions, I have to say that I hardly think that would be proper because they are all stamped with "The United States Mint, Philadelphia" and I am afraid if they were to go out among the public, it might give rise to unpleasant inferences and we might be put upon our defensive in order to show that we distributed them among institutions by authority; and

further I desire to say that the expense of removing them to the Post Office building is of very little account; - it will not involve much toil, and I would be very glad under all the circumstances if you were to give authority to make the transfer there and not distribute any part of them. There are many people who are curious, and the press even do not take pains always to be sure they are correct in their publication of incidents that occur.

I may add that many of the volumes are well bound in leather

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Fox.

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4 November 7

Sir

In reply to the inquiry of the 30th inst. I have to state for your information that it will cost $16.00 to clean and oil the two time locks on the vaults in my custody, in the Post Office building.

And inasmuch as the Coin has all been counted and it may save a repeat of the count next year at the annual settlement, I would suggest that some authorized person from the Treasury Department be present at the time of the opening of the doors and oiling the locks

Very respectfully

Thos. Ellis Fox

Superintendent

William A. Freret Esq
Supervising Architect
Treasury Department
Washington
D.C.

4: November /

Sir;

The foreman of the Deposit Melting Room informs me that his Silver Deposit Melting Pot is so nearly filled, that it will not last him more than 2 or 3 weeks. A new one is therefore imperatively necessary. Its nature and importance you will see by referring to the printed heading on the enclosed sample sheet.

What steps can I take in order to procure it.

Please advise me!

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

4: Novem: 7

Sir;

I herewith transmit 3 preliminary reports addressed to me on the subject of experimental blanks:-

The first is under date Oct 12th last, from Jacob B. Eckfeldt Esq. Assayer. He states his own treatment of ingots and blanks with a tabular statement of his report annexed:

The second is from Mr. Samuel James Foreman of the Machine Shop, of current date. He reports in extenso so far as he had opportunity to experiment and form observations:-

The third is William J. Steel Esq, Coiner also of current date: He, as well as Mr.

James gives statements showing deviations in weight of silver dollar planchets, as consecutively cut from the strips; also direct from the rolls, and from the draw-benches, respectively.

This I understand to be as far as they have proceeded.

I submit them for your consideration

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 3 7

Hon. D. M. Fox.
Supt.

Dear Sir,

I respectfully present the following as a partial report of experiments made with a view to determine a method for the production of closer and more uniform results in the weight of coin planchettes for the Standard Silver Dol. The first thought suggested was the necessity of such careful and judicious melting of the metal, and casting of the ingots as would insure a uniform density throughout the rolled fillet. That this result is not at all times attained is fairly shown by the blistering of the fillets when annealed, and by the large amount of such fillets returned as unfit for coin. ———

My first step was in the preparation of some moulds in which to cast ingots which should be 1/8" less in thickness than the standard mould. In these moulds there were cast by the Melter & Refiner 32 ingots, which were rolled by the Coiner in eight drafts, - the fillets then annealed were all blistered, and further work upon them stopped, as the metal proved to be unfit for use.—

These blistered fillets were then remelted and cast into ingots by the Assayer, with good results, eight of these ingots being rolled by the Coiner, and finished to $\frac{82}{1000}$ in thickness with one annealing — The results of weights and thickness is given in Table marked 1 - by reference to the same it will be noted that there were cut from these eight ingots, 203 planchetts.——

The variation as shown by the weights between the outside limits, (no care being taken to work to Standard weight) was $14\frac{71}{100}$ grains — and [illegible]

the outside limits in thicknesses of $2\frac{5}{8}$ of 1 inch.

As the area of the Silver Dollar Planchett is equal to $1\frac{576}{1000}$", by taking the weight of $\frac{1}{100}$ of 1 inch of this area, which is $4\frac{10}{100}$ grains, and multiplying the same by the difference in thickness between the outside limits, namely, $2\frac{5}{1000}$ of 1 inch, the result is $10\frac{76}{100}$ grains, a less amount by $3\frac{66}{100}$ grains than the amount as shown by actual weight, this difference most probably is from the want of having an instrument for measuring thicknesses accurately of less than $\frac{1}{1000}$ of 1 inch.

Table No 2, gives the result from the rolling of an ingot $10\frac{3}{4}$" long × 8" wide × $\frac{3}{8}$" thick, cast by the Melter + Refiner, and rolled on a pair of chilled iron Rolls at H. Dietz + Sons Tacoma. The Ingot was placed in the furnace and heated to a cherry red heat, in this condition it was passed between the rolls eight times, reducing the thickness from

3/8" to 83/1000", it was then cut into four fillets of equal width, and after annealing in the Mint furnace was finished in three drafts on the Mint Rolls to the thickness as shown by the table.—

It will be noted that the variation in weight between opposite limits, is 13 2/100 grains, and in thickness of 2 8/1000 of 1 inch—the multiplication of 1/1000 of 1 inch in the thickness of the planchetts by the variation in thickness gives 8 71/100 grains a difference from the actual weight of 4 31/100 grs.

Table No 3 shows the result obtained from the Rolling of an ingot 10½" long × 8" wide × 3/8 thick. The Rolling was done as in the former case at H. Deaton & Sons'—

There were 22 drafts, or passes, between the Rolls (they being of chilled iron 16" diam) in reducing from 3/8" to 85/1000" in thickness, the first 4 drafts were upon geared Rolls, the remainder being upon a mill where only the

was driven, the upper roll being actuated by the metal as passed between the rolls.

This rolling was done cold and without any annealing to the thickness of $\frac{85}{1000}$."

The wide fillet was then cut into four strips annealed and finished at the Mint in 20 Drafts, to the thickness as shown by the table.

The variation in weight of planchetts cut from this was $13\frac{12}{100}$ grains and in thickness of $\frac{3}{1000}$ of 1 inch, by the multiplication as shown in the two preceding instances, we get a result in weight of $12\frac{81}{100}$ grains showing the difference of $\frac{31}{100}$ of one grain.

Table No 4 shows the Rolling of a similar ingot at the same time and place. It was rolled cold upon chilled iron. Rolls 16" diam. (one roll being driven) in 15 drafts from 3/8" to $\frac{94}{1000}$ of 1 inch in thickness, the fillet being annealed after the 12th Draft. The ...

being cut into 4 strips, annealed and finished upon the Mint Rolls in 3 drafts, is shown in the table, namely—

Total variation in weight of planchetts $18\frac{27}{100}$ grs
" " " thickness $\frac{3\frac{1}{4}"}{1000}$

By preceding method we have, area of diam of planchett × by $\frac{3\frac{1}{4}}{1000}$ of 1 inch = $13\frac{32}{100}$ grains, the difference shown being $4\frac{95}{100}$ grains—

Table No 5 shows the result from the rolling of three ingots cast by the Assayer, they being 12" long × $1\frac{5}{8}$" wide × $\frac{3}{8}$" thick. They were rolled at a cherry heat, on 16" diam chilled rolls at Dixon & Sons, in Eight drafts to the thickness of $\frac{83}{1000}$ of 1 inch.

The finishing of the same, before cutting the planchetts, was done as in the former experiment with the result as shown by the table, namely,

Variation in weight, being $12\frac{7}{100}$ grains
" " in thickness $2\frac{1}{2}$ " of 1 inch

by the multiplier as shown in the following instances, we have, Weight of area of Drain of planch 1/1000" thick × by 2 2/1000 = 10 26/100 grains; Shewing a difference of a 2 82/100 grains -

From the foregoing experiments it is shown that the obtaining of accurate, or rather uniform results in weights, and thickness, has not been attained, from the finishing Silver fillets from the Rolls, nor is it probable that such accurate results may be obtained by this means as to ensure a large percentage of good planch to produce this percentage a variation beyond 4/1000 of 1 inch must not be expected. The elasticity of the Housings, the spring or binding of the rolls, and also the variation caused by the elastic cushion of the film of oil used as a lubricant around the Journals of the rolls make up the difficulty of obtaining two fixed or immovable lines of contact between the faces of the rolls, as

The metal in the fillet, may be either hard or soft, More or less power is required, and this may act efficiently upon the various conditions named as to prevent the closeness of results in weight:- It has been shown that planchetts cut from fillets drawn on the Bench, are more uniform in weight. Why? because the dies in the Draw Plate present two fixed lines through which the fillet is drawn, the lines between (or the opening) being held by the actual contact of the steel dies, to the blocks or die holders.

By reference to the letter of Messrs Pratt and Whitney of the date of Oct 12th, it will be observed that in the machine described, they were able to produce brass strips in which the variation in thickness did not exceed the $\frac{2}{1000}$ of 1 inch. It would seem desirable that coin strips finished on this machine should be

procured, and planchetts cut from the same to show the result in weight.

As the theory of the drawing of fillets may seem to be faulty, it might be shown that the method of shaving the fillet may be more desirable. —

It has also been suggested that the equalizing of light & heavy planchetts may be done with economy by the means of an electric current derived from a Dynamo, by which planchetts, say 3 grs light and 3 grs heavy may be equalized to 1½ grs each beyond the standard.

The foregoing does not imply that all hope of obtaining closer results from the Rolls has been abandoned.

It would seem very desirable that experiments similar to the foregoing should be made in the Rolling and Drawing at the other Mints to determine just where the work here is at fault. It would be also well to have noted

rejected metal due to inferior
variation, we may be able to judge
may be more readily made
ing the desired results

Very Respectfully

Samuel Jones

Foreman of Mach Shop

October 12 7

Sir-

Below will be found a statement of the experiments (as far as have been made), in regard to treatment of Silver ingots in the rolling operations.

A number of ingots were taken from the regular working, and divided into different lots. A part of them were worked in the regular manner, Rolled, annealed, finished at the draw-bench, and the blanks cut.

A second lot was rolled, annealed and finished on the rolls.

A third lot of ingots was rolled as before but annealed in Copper cylinders (canisters), and then finished on the rolls.

The pieces as they were cut from the strips were all caught by hand, to preserve the order in which they left the strip. The blanks were all carefully weighed. by the Coiner, who can furnish a list of the weighings.-

Another experiment was then made with pure Copper.- A number of ingots were cast, and subjected to the same operations. A part of them finished on the rolls, and a part on the draw bench.- with the following results.

It was necesary to select the best strips for the draw bench, as the Copper became very hard in rolling

and with quite jagged edges.
Another experiment was made of Casting ingots of the regular width, but much thinner, also of casting broad ingots.
These experiments are not yet completed.

Very Respectfully
Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

November. 4 1

Memorandum

The weights of Fifty (50) pieces of Five Cent Nickel planchets show a difference in weight between outside limits of $4\frac{23}{100}$ grains
The variation in Thickeness being $3\frac{5}{8}$ Thousandths of 1 inch.
If this variation in thickness was in a Silver Dollar planchet it would make a difference in weight of $14\frac{86}{100}$ grains

The above shows that the rolling to a uniform thickness at the Waterbury Brass Co's works is not done.

Nov 5th 7.

Sir

Please draw this day sight

for $581. favor Handy & Harman. for $22.007.37/100

as required for Silver Bullion

Yours respectfully

Cleveland Trust Co

SRB

THE BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PENN

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Iron Co.

Nov. 5th

Sir;

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor for the sum of One thousand (1.000) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint for the current month.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

S.R.L.

Nov. 5th 7

Sir;

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor, for the sum of Ten thousand (10.000) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint for the current month.

Very Respectfully.

Dan'l M. Fox

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

5 Novem: 7

Sir

I duly received the Treasurer's Draft for $116, enclosed in your letter of the 1st inst. being the value of the Coins forwarded by me to your office during the 6 months ended June 1887, for special assay.

The amount corresponds with that charged on our books against the Mint Bureau

Very respectfully

Jas M Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

5 Novem: 7

Sir;

I am informed by the Director of the Mint that any requisition for 6000 manilla [illegible] envelopes would be filled [illegible] in due course of business.

I have to request that those you forward shall be securely gummed and closed at the bottom. Many of those we have on hand came open at the bottom when we attempted to use them, which of course made them unfit for their intended purpose — as you will see by the enclosed samples.

Very respectfully

N. McFee

Superintendent

Mr A. D. Sturtevant
Chief of Division of Printing & Stationery
Treasury Department
Washington
D.C.

5. Nov. 7

Sir;

In making and disposing of the Minor Coinage, the practice has been for the bank or other institution desiring a quantity of either 5 or 1 cent pieces, to give an order for the amount required, at the same time sending their check which I deposit & when advised of payment of the check, I ship the Coin.

The demand for these denominations gradually enlarges itself, reaching to hundreds and thousands of dollars, and although the Mint has been running night and day, it is greater than the supply; occasioning large amounts

of money to remain in my hands a considerable time. My balance to day is nearly 200.000 dollars. The funds are deposited in two National banks, one of $500.000; the other of $400.000 Capital, - about one moiety in each. I am obliged to deposit to afford me the facility of collecting the checks sent me in anticipation.

Now I have to say that the amount of deposit gives me some Concern. I believe the banks to be good and substantial, but panics may come and suspensions may occur, as they have in the past, and the thought makes me uneasy.

Let me say I have had an application from another institution - a Trust Company - of half a million Capital, which receives money on deposit, payable

at will, the latter offering me collateral security in the shape of bonds, to hold, so as to make secure all deposits they receive from me.

In thinking the matter over I have concluded to communicate with you touching the question of individual responsibility, as well as the other considerations relating to the subject.

First; Is the money public money, in the sense spoken of in the Acts of Congress, whilst it is in my hands in abeyance? If it is, would I be freed from responsibility by depositing it in a bank designated as a "public depositary"?

If it is not public money, and if I only hold it as the agent of the drawers of the checks, what course should I take to indemnify myself, against the

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possibility of calamity of ~~suspension~~ and the hazarding of the deposit?

The banks at which I at present deposit, I believe, are not designated as "public depositaries".

In thinking the whole matter over, I am desirous of knowing my duty to the Government, to the owners of the checks; and, also to be informed on the subject of protection to myself.

Will you be good enough to submit these considerations to the proper law officer of the department, and obtain his views, for my instruction at your earliest convenience? - and advise

Yours, very respectfully
Albert M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Philadelphia
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